



Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Boston Field Office Richard DesLauriers addresses the media during a news conference talking about the investigation of the Boston Marathon explosions, Thursday, April 18, 2013, in Boston. The city continues to cope following Monday's explosions near the finish line of the marathon. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

## FBI releases images of Boston bombing suspects

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**BOSTON (AP)** — The FBI released photos and video of two suspects in the deadly Boston Marathon bombings and asked for the public's help in identifying the men. The agency's website crashed within moments Thursday. FBI Agent Richard DesLauriers said the images are from surveillance cameras near the explosion sites shortly before Monday's blasts at the world's most famous marathon. The men are seen walking together in the crowd, and the man

in the white cap is seen setting down a backpack at one site near the finish line, DesLauriers said.

"We consider them to be armed and extremely dangerous," DesLauriers said, asking the public not to approach the men. He said there is no additional danger that the FBI knows of at the moment.

Monday's blasts killed three, including a student from China, and injured more than 180.

The images came out hours after President Barack Obama promised a grieving city to hunt down whoever was responsible.

The images show two young-looking men wearing baseball caps, wearing jackets and carrying backpacks along the race route and weaving through the crowd. The planting of the backpack is not depicted in the video footage that was made public.

The FBI would not discuss the men's ethnicity.

"It would be inappropriate to comment on the ethnicity of the men because it could lead people down the wrong path potentially," said FBI agent Greg Comcowich, a spokesman for the Boston FBI office.

The information on the first

suspect was developed within a day or so before its release, DesLauriers said. Agent Daniel Curtin said the FBI did not issue the photos earlier because authorities wanted to be meticulous: "It's important to get it right."

Generally, law enforcement agencies release photos of suspects only as a last resort, when they need the public's help. Releasing photos can tip off a suspect and deny police the element of surprise. It can also trigger an avalanche of tips, forcing police to waste time chasing them down.

"Each piece moves us toward justice," DesLauriers said of the latest information to emerge.

At an interfaith service honoring the victims, Obama called the perpetrators of the attack "these small, stunted individuals who would destroy instead of build."

The blasts killed 8-year-old Martin Richard, 29-year-old Krystle Campbell and Lu Lingzi, a graduate student from China. Seven victims remained in critical condition.

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# Italian lawmakers fail to elect president

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**ROME (AP)** — Italian lawmakers failed on Thursday to elect the nation's president during initial rounds of voting, the latest worrisome evidence of the political discord that has thwarted the formation of a govern-

low for a night of consultations to plot a new strategy before voting resumes Friday morning.

Only a simple majority is required by the fourth round of voting, so politicians may simply wait it out until they have a better shot at getting their candidate

ing was under way lashed out at Bersani for having made a deal with Berlusconi on Marini's candidacy. "Bersani killer of the Democratic party" read one banner. Others shouted "Rodota, Rodota!" — Stefano Rodota is the candidate of the protest 5-Star

be into an electoral campaign," Cesa told Sky TG24 television.

The third largest force in Parliament — the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement led by comic Beppe Grillo — had pushed Rodota, a constitutional law expert. He finished second in

## Iranian president criticizes 'foreign presence' in Gulf

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**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — The Iranian president on Thursday slammed the West for its naval presence in the Persian Gulf while the country's army commanders warned archenemy Israel against any military strikes on Iran.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said "foreign presence" was the source of insecurity in the Gulf and the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a key waterway through which about one-fifth of the world's oil supply passes.

Iran, on the other hand, he claimed, has "always guarded peace and security."

The remarks — typical rhetoric from the Iranian president — came ahead of a military parade in Tehran as Iran marked National Army Day.

And while the Iranian president didn't name any specific country, his remarks were an apparent reference to Western nations and the U.S. 5th Fleet, based in Bahrain.

Iran sees the large American-led naval presence in the Gulf as foreign military meddling in the Mideast. Tehran has in the past year warned it could close the Strait of Hormuz in retaliation for tighter Western sanctions over its controversial nuclear program, but later stepped back from those threats.

Also Thursday, Iran's navy held its own show of force near the Strait of Hormuz, with state TV broadcasting a display of Russian-made Kilo class submarines that Tehran obtained in the early 1990s.

On the sidelines of the parade in the Iranian capital, Iran's army chief of staff warned Israel.

"We see Israel's threat as a scream that comes out of fear," said Gen. Hasan Firouzabadi. "If they do anything wrong, there will be no Israel left on the world's political map." □



Italian lawmakers gather to vote on a new president in Rome Thursday, April 18, 2013. Political parties sparred over candidates for the post being vacated by Giorgio Napolitano, whose term expires next month. Lawmakers failed on Thursday to elect the nation's president during initial rounds of voting.

(AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

ment for two months.

President Giorgio Napolitano's term ends next month, and choosing his successor is viewed as a critical step toward resolving the political impasse that resulted from inconclusive national elections for Parliament in February.

While the presidency is mostly ceremonial, the post has the power to dissolve Parliament and call a new national election, and also tap the candidate with enough support in the legislature to try to form a government.

During Thursday's vote by both houses of Parliament and regional electors, Franco Marini, a long-time union leader and former Senate president, finished first in the initial ballot, but fell far short of the two-thirds majority needed during the first three rounds of voting.

In round two, the majority of lawmakers cast blank ballots to buy time and al-

through.

Italian heads of state, often widely respected and picked to be above the political fray, also work to build national unity, which is now vital as politicians squabble over how to rebuild Italy's recession-mired economy.

Political parties have sparred for weeks over suitable candidates to succeed Napolitano, but center-left leader Pier Luigi Bersani and center-right leader Silvio Berlusconi had reportedly reached an agreement over Marini's candidacy on the eve of the vote. Since Bersani failed to form a government in weeks past, his inability to marshal his divided Democratic Party lawmakers in Parliament to rally behind his candidate further sapped his standing as a major party, and potentially, a national leader. Many of the dozens of protesters who gathered outside Parliament as the vot-

Movement.

Bersani acknowledged the troubles, saying late Thursday that his party and Parliament as a whole had to realize that "a new phase" was at hand.

Perhaps most worrying for Italians frustrated over rising taxes and stubborn unemployment, and for financial markets easily spooked by instability, the latest display of political disarray could be a prelude to a quick return to national polls to pick a new Parliament.

"It's a shame. We would have given a nice signal to the country, if we succeeded in quickly electing a new head of state," said a centrist leader, Lorenzo Cesa.

He sounded glum about the prospects of warding off the specter of new nationwide elections. "We must work again all together to find a synthesis. If we don't find it, it's clear that we will have (national) elections, that we will

the first round of voting and was the top vote-getter in the second round after the blank ballots.

The bickering over the presidency reflects the divisions that lawmakers have been unable to overcome since Italy's Feb. 24-25 national election, which saw the center-left win control of the lower Chamber of Deputies, but not the Senate. Bersani has repeatedly rebuffed an offer from media mogul Berlusconi to form a "grand coalition" government in a bid to stave off a new national election. The new president will sound out political leaders to see who commands enough votes in Parliament to try to form the new government, a process that could take weeks. He will call new elections if no government can be formed.

Napolitano had asked Bersani to see if he could secure the necessary support, but Bersani came up short. □



# Senators unveil sweeping US immigration bill

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.

lawmakers formally unveiled a sweeping immigration bill at a news conference Thursday attended by traditional opponents from big business and labor, and conservative and liberal groups.

The Senate lawmakers, four Democrats and four Republicans, argued that this time, thanks to broad-based support, immigration legislation can succeed in Congress.

"Powerful outside forces have helped defeat certain other initiatives in Washington, but on immigration, the opposite is proving true," Sen. Chuck Schumer, a leading Democrat, said a day after senators under intense lobbying pressure blocked a major gun control package. "I am confident this issue will not fall victim to the usual partisan deadlock."

Support for the bill is already being put to the test as conservatives grow more vocal in opposition. Two Republican senators held a dueling news conference, with law enforcement offi-

cials bashing the bill's border security provisions and other measures, and several conservative bloggers seized on one provision of the legislation to falsely claim that it would allow people here illegally to get free cellphones.

The 844-page bill is designed to secure the border, allow tens of thousands of new high- and low-skilled workers into the country while requiring employers to verify their legal status, and put 11 million people here illegally on a path to citizenship, as long as certain border security goals are met first.

While debate starts in the Democratic-controlled Senate, the legislation faces an uncertain future in the Republican-led House. Conservatives who form a core part of the Republican party have taken a tough line on immigration and many Republicans have to worry about challenges from conservatives within their party rather than general election races against Democrats. All House members are up for re-election every two years; senators have six-



Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., flanked by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., left, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., right, speaks as immigration reform legislation by the Senate's bipartisan "Gang of Eight" that would create a path for the nation's 11 million unauthorized immigrants to apply for U.S. citizenship, Thursday, April 18, 2013, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

year terms.

But some Republicans are showing signs of altering their position on immigration after losing the Hispanic vote in the 2012 elections. Hispanics are becoming an increasingly important voting bloc in U.S. elections and overwhelmingly supported President Barack Obama in the No-

vember voting.

Having suffered a defeat on one of his highest priorities when the gun control passage went down, Obama will be looking for a victory on immigration overhaul as he seeks to burnish a legacy in his second term of office. Speaking of people living in the U.S. illegally, a leading border

state Republican, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, said at the news conference: "Yes, we offer a path to citizenship to people who didn't come here legally. They're here, and realistically there is nothing we can do to induce them all to return to their countries of origin. Many of them make valuable contributions." □

# Officers enter US home of ricin mail suspect

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OXFORD, Mississippi (AP) —

A team of law enforcement officers has entered the home of a man accused of sending letters with poisonous ricin to the president and others.

At least a dozen armed officers wearing gas masks and hazardous-material suits went into the home Thursday evening in Corinth, east of Memphis, Tennessee.

There was no immediate word on what they found inside.

Police had blocked off the home with crime-scene tape since Paul Kevin Curtis' arrest on Wednesday. No neighbors have been evacuated.

The 45-year-old Curtis appeared briefly in court Thursday and his attorney



This undated photo obtained from the Facebook page of Paul Kevin Curtis, shows, according to neighbors, Paul Kevin Curtis, 45. Curtis was arrested Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at his home in Corinth, near the Tennessee state line. He is accused of mailing letters with suspected ricin to national leaders.

(AP Photo)

said he was innocent.

His brother says the family hopes federal officials will make sure he gets treatment for his mental illness while he is in custody.

Curtis, accused of mailing letters tainted with ricin to President Barack Obama and other officials believed he had uncovered a conspiracy to sell human body parts on the black market and claimed "various parties within the government" were trying to ruin his reputation.

Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, is charged with threatening Obama and others, according to a Thursday news release from the U.S. Department of Justice. He appeared in federal court on the two charges and if convicted could face up to 15 years in prison. He did not enter a plea on the two charges. Another hearing

is Friday.

Curtis was surprised by his arrest, his attorney said after the hearing.

Curtis "maintains 100 percent that he did not do this," attorney Christi R. McCoy said.

She added that she knows him and his family and that it is hard for her to believe the charges against him.

She said she had not yet decided whether to seek a hearing to determine if Curtis is mentally competent to stand trial. Another attorney working with Curtis' family said he had a history of mental illness.

An FBI affidavit released Thursday said Curtis sent three letters with suspected ricin to Obama, U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker of Mississippi and a Mississippi judge. The letters read:

"No one wanted to listen to me before. There are still

'Missing Pieces.' Maybe I have your attention now even if that means someone must die. This must stop.

To see a wrong and not expose it, is to become a silent partner to its continuance. I am KC and I approve this message."

The FBI said there was no indication of a connection between the letters and the Monday bombing in Boston that killed three people and injured more than 170. The letters to Obama and Wicker were postmarked April 8, before the marathon.

The affidavit says Curtis had sent letters to Wicker's office several times before with the message "this is Kevin Curtis and I approve this message." Such language is typically used by candidates at the end of campaign ads. □



# Crews seek survivors, bodies after Texas blast

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**WEST, Texas (AP)** — Rescuers searched the smoking remnants of a Texas farm town Thursday for survivors of a thunderous fertilizer plant explosion, gingerly checking smashed houses and apartments for anyone still trapped in debris while the community awaited word on the number of dead.

Initial reports put the fatalities as high as 15, but later in the day, authorities backed away from any estimate and refused to elaborate. More than 160 people were hurt.

A breathtaking band of destruction extended for blocks around the West Fertilizer Co. in the small community of West. The blast shook the ground with the strength of a small earthquake and crumpled dozens of homes, an apartment complex, a school and a nursing home. Its dull boom could be heard dozens of miles (kilometers) away. Waco police Sgt. William Patrick Swanton described ongoing search-and-rescue efforts as "te-

dious and time-consuming," noting that crews had to shore up much of the wreckage before going in. There was no indication the blast, which sent up a mushroom-shaped plume

dent, he said. The explosion was apparently touched off by a fire, but there was no indication what sparked the blaze. The company had been cited by regulators

past decade. The Wednesday night explosion rained burning embers and debris down on terrified residents. The landscape Thursday was wrapped in acrid smoke

longings. Firefighter Darryl Hall choked up as he described the search. "You're strong through it because that's your job. That's what you've been trained to do. But you're reminded of the tragedy and your family. And that it could be you," Hall said. "Then it's a completely different story." While the community tended to its deep wounds, investigators awaited clearance to enter the blast zone for clues to what set off the plant's huge stockpile of volatile chemicals. "It's still too hot to get in there," said Francesca Perot, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, later adding that she wasn't sure when her team would be able to start its investigation.

The precise death toll was uncertain. Three to five volunteer firefighters initially were believed to be among the dead, which authorities said could number as many as 15. But the state Department of Public Safety later said the number of fatalities couldn't be confirmed. □



**This Thursday, April 18, 2013 photo shows the remains of a fertilizer plant, right, that exploded in West, Texas. Rescuers searched the smoking remnants for survivors of Wednesday night's thunderous fertilizer plant explosion, gingerly checking smashed houses and apartments for anyone still trapped in debris while the community awaited word on the number of dead.**

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

of smoke and left behind a crater, was anything other than an industrial acci-

for what appeared to be minor safety and permitting violations over the

and strewn with the shattered remains of buildings, furniture and personal be-

# FBI releases images of Boston bombing suspects

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The bombs were crudely fashioned from ordinary kitchen pressure cookers packed with explosives, nails and ball bearings, investigators and others close to the case said. Investigators suspect the devices were then hidden in duffel bags and left on the ground.

They exploded within 15 seconds of each other near the finish line at a high-traffic time when thousands of runners were pouring in.

Several media outlets had reported that a suspect had been identified from surveillance video taken at a Lord & Taylor department store between the sites of the bomb blasts. The investigation will prob-

ably collect about a million hours of videotape from fixed security cameras and cellphones and cameras used by spectators, said Gene Grindstaff, a scientist at Intergraph Corp., a company that makes video analysis software used by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies. Video and photos are being examined and enhanced by an FBI unit called the Operational Technologies Division, said Joe DiZinno, former director of the FBI lab in Virginia. Investigators are now looking at video frame by frame — a laborious process, though one aided by far more sophisticated facial recognition technology than is commercially available, forensic specialists said.

Also seen in the newly released video is a spectator walking in front of the two

men, then stepping aside, holding a cluster of yellow balloons — which can be

seen in the shaky moments after the first blast floating free. □



**Photos of two suspects sought in the Boston Marathon bombing are displayed during a news conference talking about the investigation of the Boston Marathon explosions, Thursday, April 18, 2013, in Boston. The city continues to cope following Monday's explosions near the finish line of the marathon.**

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)



# Obama push for gun controls reaches dead end

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's push for tighter gun controls was pulled from consideration in the Senate on Thursday after lawmakers blocked measures that would have expanded background checks on the sale of firearms, banned assault-style weapons and limited the capacity of ammunition magazines.

An angry Obama after Wednesday's vote said the National Rifle Association gun lobby "willfully lied" to the American people. With the issue all but dead, Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid decided to pull the measure from further immediate consideration.

The defeat of a centerpiece issue of Obama's second term — they would have been the most meaningful gun curbs approved by Congress in two decades — is especially stinging because the Senate is controlled by the president's own Democratic Party.

After giving little attention to the always sensitive issue of gun control during his first term, Obama made it a top priority this year af-

ter a series of mass shootings capped by the December attack at a Connecticut school that left 20 first-grade children and six teachers dead. At the time, Obama called the

by a handful of senators had crafted a proposal that would have tightened background checks for gun buyers, expanding the checks to sales at gun shows and online. Polls



**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev. leaves a caucus on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, April 18, 2013. One day after the demise of gun control legislation, Senate supporters of the measure vowed to try again, while a leading opponent accused President Barack Obama of taking the "low road" when he harshly criticized lawmakers who voted against key provisions. Reid said the struggle for tougher gun legislation was not over.**

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

attack the worst day of his presidency.

"All in all, this was a pretty shameful day for Washington," the president said Wednesday. "Who are we here to represent?"

A rare bipartisan effort

show a majority of Americans support the move. The checks are already required for sales by federally licensed gun dealers and are designed to block sales to criminals or those with a history of mental illness.

The Senate voted 54-46 in favor of the measure, but that was well short of the 60-vote supermajority now commonly needed to advance most legislation.

The Senate did approve two minor amendments Thursday. One would cut aid to state and local governments that release information on gun owners. A second would strengthen federal mental health programs.

Aware of Americans' passions for the constitutional right to bear firearms, key supporters of stricter gun controls had made an effort to show that they, too, were gun owners and had no intention — despite the NRA's warnings — of taking away guns that were purchased legally.

The Obama administration even circulated a photo of the president firing a gun while skeet shooting at Camp David.

Families of victims of the Connecticut shootings joined Obama on several occasions and privately lobbied lawmakers in Washington.

Before the Wednesday votes, conservative tea party Republican Sen. Rand Paul said Obama had used parents of the Connecticut school shooting victims as "props, and that disappoints me." The president responded: "Do we really think that thousands of families whose lives have been shattered by gun violence don't have a right to weigh in on this issue?" □

## Nanny pleads not guilty in baby death

WOBURN, Massachusetts (AP) — An Irish nanny accused of killing a baby who died of what prosecutors say was "abusive head trauma" while in her care pleaded not guilty on Thursday to a murder charge.

Aisling Brady McCarthy, 34, was ordered held without bail at her arraignment on charges of murder and assault and battery on a child.

McCarthy was caring for Rehma Sabir at the baby's family's apartment on her first birthday, Jan. 14, while her parents were at work.

That afternoon, an ambulance was summoned to the apartment in Cambridge, just outside Boston, after Rehma was found to be unresponsive. Rehma died two days later at Boston Children's Hospital of

what an autopsy found were blunt-force head injuries, prosecutors said.

State police said in court documents that a pillow, a blanket and baby wipes that were stained with blood were found in the baby's bedroom.

Authorities have accused McCarthy of "violently injuring" the baby, causing her death. They said a neighbor reported hearing the baby crying for nearly an hour on her birthday, followed by more intense crying, but knocks on the family's door went unanswered.

McCarthy, of nearby Quincy, had pleaded not guilty earlier to assault and battery of a child, and she had been held on \$500,000 bail. She was indicted on the murder charge last week after the medical examiner

found the baby's death was a homicide.

Defense attorney Melinda Thompson said McCarthy maintains her innocence and has cooperated with investigators.

Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald argued Thursday that McCarthy should be held without bail because she is in the United States illegally and if released could seek deportation to Ireland, which does not extradite defendants who could face life sentences without the possibility of parole.

Thompson has called McCarthy "an innocent person sitting in jail" and said she wouldn't seek deportation if she were released on bail.

"She wants to answer these charges and clear her name," Thompson said. □

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# Amanda Knox: 'Paralyzed' with anxiety sometimes

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Amanda Knox says in a new interview that she's sometimes "paralyzed" with anxiety stemming from the death of her roommate in Italy and the legal proceedings that saw her convicted then acquitted in a case that made headlines across the globe.

Knox spoke to People magazine recently over several days at her in mother's home in Seattle. The magazine made excerpts of the interview available to The Associated Press.

Last month, Italy's highest criminal court overturned her acquittal in the 2007 slaying of British student Meredith Kercher and ordered a new trial. Italian law cannot compel the 25-year-old Knox to return for the trial, and family spokesman David Marriott has said it's doubtful she will go to Italy.

"When Meredith was murdered and I was arrested, it was so shocking. It was paralyzing. Everything toppled," said Knox, who returned home to Seattle in 2011 after four years in an



This April 9, 2013 photo released by ABC shows Amanda Knox, left, speaking during a taped interview with ABC News' Diane Sawyer in New York. Last month, Italy's highest criminal court overturned her acquittal in the 2007 slaying of British student Meredith Kercher and ordered a new trial. The interview will air on Tuesday, April 30, coinciding with the release of her memoir, "Waiting to Be Heard."

(AP Photo/ABC, Ida Mae Astute)

Italian prison. Since returning to the United States in 2011, Knox has largely avoided the public spotlight and is mostly left alone in her Pacific Northwest hometown. She tells People she is still dealing

with difficult emotions. "Things creep up on me and all of a sudden I'm overwhelmed by the feeling of helplessness and that desperation and fear to even hope," Knox told the

magazine. "Just that can make my heart race and makes me paralyzed until I can breathe it away." Italian prosecutors have said Knox, who was an exchange student studying

in Perugia, Italy, and her then-boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito killed Kercher in a drug-fueled sex assault involving a third man.

They maintained the murder weapon was a large knife taken from Sollecito's house. Prosecutors said the knife matched the wounds on Kercher's body and had traces of Kercher's DNA on the blade and Knox's DNA on the handle.

However, Knox's defenders said she was innocent and was forced to say things she didn't mean during a lengthy police interrogation.

And they said bumbling Italian police contaminated the crime scene, producing flawed DNA evidence.

A new trial also has been ordered for Sollecito. An Ivorian man is serving a 16-year sentence for the slaying.

Now studying at the University of Washington, Knox also enjoys rock climbing, hiking, camping and other outdoor activities offered in the Northwest. □

## Nebraska:

### Opponents of Keystone Pipeline sound off

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**GRAND ISLAND, Neb.** — Hundreds of people braved heavy snow Thursday, streaming into this central Nebraska town to speak out on the Keystone XL pipeline at what might be the final public hearing on the project.

The hearing, conducted by the State Department, drew hours of emotional testimony, mostly from opponents of Keystone XL, who whooped and applauded when anyone from their ranks spoke, and solemnly hoisted black scarves that read "Pipeline Fighter" during comments by the project's supporters. "The Keystone 'Export' pipeline is not in the national interest, and it is most certainly not in Nebraska's interest," said Ben Gotschall, a young rancher, one of the first speakers at the hearing, which was

held in a large events hall at the state fairgrounds.

"Our landowners have been left to fend for themselves against an onslaught of dishonest land agents and corporate bullies," Gotschall said.

Nebraska has been a rallying point for environmental groups, landowners and ranchers who oppose the 1,700-mile proposed pipeline, which would carry diluted bitumen from Canada to the Texas Gulf Coast. For several years they have repeatedly voiced concern that a spill from the pipeline could seep into the Ogallala Aquifer, a major water source, and other environmentally delicate areas.

An initial study from the State Department seemingly cleared the way for Keystone XL, but in 2012 President Barack Obama rejected the route proposed by the pipeline's

operator, TransCanada, because of lingering environmental concerns.

TransCanada agreed to reroute the pipeline, and a revised study was released last month, finding no conclusive reason that Keystone XL should not move forward.

Thursday's meeting was the sole public hearing on the revised study, although State Department officials said there could still be opportunity for another hearing at some point.

Kerri-Ann Jones, assistant secretary of state for oceans and international environmental and scientific affairs, who attended, told reporters there had already been some 800,000 public comments submitted on the revised study. In the weeks leading up to the hearing, both sides increased efforts to sway the public, as well as federal officials.



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## In Washington:

# IMF chief says global pro-growth policies needed

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The head of the International Monetary Fund says the United States, Europe, Japan and China all need to make adjustments to their current economic policies in order to boost a still-struggling global economy. IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde says the United States and many countries in Europe need to focus more on growth and less on trimming budget balances this year. She said there was a critical need for policies focused on spurring jobs. Lagarde told a news conference Thursday that "we need growth, first and foremost." Lagarde spoke to reporters to preview upcoming discussions among finance ministers and central bank governors of the world's 20 major economies plus the spring meetings of the 188-nation IMF and its sister lending institution, the World Bank.

Earlier this week, the IMF lowered its outlook for the world economy this year, predicting that government spending cuts would slow U.S. growth and keep the 17-nation area that uses the euro currency in recession.

Officials of the Group of 20, which includes Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, were scheduled to begin their discussions over a working dinner Thursday night and wrap up Friday with the issuance of a joint communique. The G-20 is composed of the world's major developed countries such as the United States, Japan and Germany and fast-growing developing nations including China, Brazil and India. That joint statement was expected to repeat a pledge the group made at their last meeting in February that they would avoid using competitive currency devaluations to gain advantages in trade.

Lew, previewing the U.S.

objectives going into the meetings, said that he would press Europe to do more to support growth and would maintain pressure on Japan and China to avoid lowering the value of their currencies to boost their exports at the expense of the United States and other countries.

Lew said it was important that G-20 nations "avoid a downward spiral of 'beggar thy neighbor' policies," the type of destructive trade competition that worsened the Great Depression in the 1930s.

In her comments, Lagarde talked about the dangers of overemphasizing deficit reduction with growth still fragile. She said the United States had avoided the "fiscal cliff" of across-the-board tax hikes and spending cuts at the beginning of this year that could have derailed the U.S. economy but had made a policy error by allowing \$85 billion in across-the-board spending cuts, known as a sequester, to take effect on March 1. Lagarde said the United States needed to pursue "better quality" deficit reductions with less impact coming in the near-term. She said that a priority for Europe was "to fix its frayed banking system" and also where needed to moderate its austerity programs. Lagarde noted that Spain was struggling with high unemployment and therefore the country needed more time before pursuing aggressive deficit reduction. The IMF's economic report called on both the United States and Britain to scale back its deficit cutting in the near-term. The austerity program launched by Britain in 2010 was designed to reduce high budget deficits through tax increases and spending cuts but ended up weakening Britain's recovery from the recession.

Lagarde was asked whether the IMF had given conflicting advice to countries such as Britain by first praising the austerity programs

and then contending they were too stringent.

She said the IMF had always cautioned that if economic growth started to falter, then a country needed to moderate its deficit-cutting

ever, said that the IMF's reduced economic forecast demonstrated "a kind of schizophrenia at the IMF" in which growth has been hurt "due to the austerity policies the IMF previously

emphasized on deficit reduction.

Referring to disagreements over the issue, French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said Thursday that his government had



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde and Deputy Director David Lipton arrive at a news conference during the Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund in Washington, Thursday, April 18, 2013.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

programs. "We very much stand by that" advice, she told reporters.

Eric LeCompte, executive director of Jubilee USA, an anti-poverty group, how-

promoted."

In Europe, countries are split over how much budget austerity to pursue, with some nations resisting Germany's push for a strong

chosen "to keep open the engine of growth." He said, "Germany understands that as prosperous as it is, as strong as it is, it also needs a strong France." □



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# Israeli officials stress readiness for lone strike on Iran

ISABEL KERSHNER

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**JERUSALEM** — With Chuck Hagel scheduled to begin his first visit to Israel as secretary of defense on Sunday, Israeli defense and military officials issued explicit warnings this week that Israel was prepared and had the capability to carry out a lone military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also spoke of dealing with the Iranian nuclear threat in an interview with the BBC broadcast on Thursday. Israel has "different vulnerabilities and different capabilities" than the United States, he said. "We have to make our own calculations, when we lose the capacity to defend ourselves by ourselves."

Israeli officials have been expressing growing frustration with what they view as ineffective international efforts to halt what Israel and the West see as an Iranian quest for nuclear weapons. Despite economic sanctions and rounds of diplomatic talks, the officials

say, the Iranian centrifuges continue to spin.

Yuval Steinitz, Israel's minister of strategic affairs, intelligence and international relations, said in an interview that Iran was abusing the diplomatic process to further its uranium enrichment program and that it was "high time" for the international community to issue Iran "a deadline or a timetable, or even a military threat."

Iran, according to Steinitz, is about halfway to reaching the "red line" that Netanyahu drew on a cartoon-like diagram of a bomb before the United Nations last fall, representing the amount of medium-enriched uranium Iran would need to build a bomb. Iran has denied that it intends to build a nuclear weapon and has argued that it needs the enriched uranium for energy and medical uses.

The chief of staff of Iran's armed forces, Maj. Gen. Hassan Firouzabadi, on Thursday dismissed Israel's threats as bluster that should not be taken seriously. Speaking on the

sidelines of the Army Day parade in Tehran, he added that the United States, deterred by Iran's military might, would not enter into war with Iran, according to

on the need for cooperation with Washington. President Shimon Peres spoke out openly against the idea of a lone Israeli strike, saying that the limited

left to the United States and the West. But he added that Israel could be the first target of a nuclear Iran, and that Israel "should prepare for the possibility that



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, right, greets the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, at Downing Street in London. Netanyahu spoke of dealing with the Iranian nuclear threat in an interview with the BBC broadcast on Thursday.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

the state-controlled Islamic Republic News Agency. Though Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders have continuously emphasized Israel's right to defend itself by its own means, talk of possible action has been rare in recent months. Israel, during this time, has sought to lower tensions with the United States over Israel's calls for red lines and in the face of vehement U.S. opposition to an uncoordinated Israeli strike. Israel's former defense minister Ehud Barak quietly dropped his aggressive stance, focusing instead

damage that Israel could inflict meant that it had to "proceed together with America." Secretary of State John Kerry sought to reassure the Israelis during a visit this month, pledging that the United States would stand with Israel against the Iranian threat "and as the president has said many times, he doesn't bluff." Israel's new defense minister, Moshe Yaalon, said in a speech marking Israel's Independence Day on Tuesday that Israel should not lead the campaign against Iran, a role better

it will have to defend itself by its own means." Yaalon, a former military chief of staff who served in the last government as the minister of strategic affairs, is said by officials and experts to have been generally cautious on Iran. But Amos Yadlin, the former military intelligence chief who now directs the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, wrote of Yaalon in an article last month, "The defense minister is known to believe that an attack on Iran is less dangerous than an Iran with military nuclear capability." □

## Putin: Boston bombings "disgusting" crime

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia's President Vladimir Putin has called the Boston Marathon explosions a "disgusting" crime.

Putin has offered assistance in investigating Monday's twin bombings in Boston that killed three people and wounded more than 170, saying in a condolence note Tuesday that the

international community should come together to fight terrorism.

He followed up on that Thursday while opening the Ice Hockey Under 18 World Championship in Sochi, Russia's Black Sea resort that will host the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Speaking before the game

of Russian and U.S. teams, Putin called for a moment of silence and offered condolences. He said that the fact that the Boston attack occurred during a major sports event made it "particularly disgusting." Russian officials have pledged to do everything necessary to ensure security of the Sochi Games. □



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# Officials: Café suicide attack kills 26 in Iraq

**SAMEER N. YACOB**  
Associated Press

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A suicide bomber detonated explosives at a Baghdad cafe crowded with young people late Thursday, killing at least 26 and wounding dozens ahead of provincial elections scheduled for the weekend.

The rare evening attack, which came at the start of the local weekend, brought to 30 the number of people killed across the country Thursday.

The cafe bomber struck about 9:30 p.m. Police said that two children and a woman who were passing by at the time of the blast were among the dead. More than 50 people were wounded.

The packed cafe is on the third floor of a building in the predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Amiriyah. Police said the cafe was packed with young people enjoying water pipes and playing pool.

Earlier in the day, a car bomb struck an army convoy in Mosul, 360 kilometers (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad, killing three soldiers and wounding five others. Hours later, one policeman was killed and three others were wounded when gunmen attacked a security checkpoint in western Baghdad, police said.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to re-



**Iraqi Army soldiers patrol in Baghdad's Adhamiya district, Iraq, Thursday, April 18, 2013. The Iraqi government has tightened its security measures as the country prepares to provincial elections. A suicide bomber detonated explosives at a Baghdad cafe crowded with young people late Thursday, killing at least 26 and wounding dozens.**

(AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

porters.

Violence has been on the rise ahead of provincial elections to be held on Saturday. The vote is for local officials in several provinces across the country, including the capital, Baghdad. Authorities have been vowing to bolster security ahead of the elections.

Also on Thursday, Iraq's self-ruled Kurdish region announced that new parliamentary and presidential elections will be held on Sept. 21.

A Kurdish government statement said that Masoud Barzani, the presi-

dent of the Kurdish region, approved the date for the elections and called for a fair election.

Following the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, the Kurdish area was recognized as an autonomous region that is in many ways politically independent from Baghdad. Since then, the two main Kurdish parties — the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Democratic Party of Kurdistan — have joined forces to rule the oil-rich region.

Baghdad and the Kurds have been at loggerheads for years over several issues, including oil and control over disputed areas claimed by both sides. The vote for a new 111-seat National Assembly would be the third election in the three-province Kurdish region since 2005. □

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## Greece: swift justice over farm shooting

**NICHOLAS PAPHITIS**  
**Associated Press**

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Greek officials on Thursday promised "swift and exemplary" punishment for three strawberry plantation foremen who allegedly shot and injured 29 Bangladeshi

houses that cover Manolada's broad plains account for most of Greece's strawberry output, using cheap labor by Asian immigrants often housed in primitive conditions. There have been several attacks on migrant strawberry

handgun, and opened fire on the crowd." Police found five used shotgun cartridges at the spot. Authorities have arrested the owner of the farm, which is about 260 kilometers (160 miles) southwest of Athens. On Thursday,



**An immigrant worker recovering from a leg gunshot wound is seen in makeshift housing provided for them at a strawberry plantation near the village of Manolada about 260 kilometers (160 miles) west of Athens, on Thursday, April 18, 2013.**

laborers protesting late pay. Police are seeking the three suspects who disappeared after Wednesday's shootings, which occurred during a confrontation with some 200 Bangladeshi farm workers in the country's rural south who say they have not been paid for half a year. Seven Bangladeshi workers were still receiving treatment in local hospitals, but none have life-threatening injuries. Government spokesman Simos Kedikoglou condemned the "inhuman, unprecedented and shameful" shootings near the village of Manolada in the southern Peloponnese region. The plastic-topped green-

workers in recent years, but Wednesday's was the worst so far. "The barbarous attack ... conjures up images of a slavery-based South that have no place in our country," Justice Minister Antonis Roupakiotis said. Political parties and trade unions expressed shock, and about 100 people took part in a protest by labor groups outside the Labor Ministry in Athens. "Before the shootings, there was an altercation between the foreign workers and the three foremen over six months' outstanding wages," police spokesman Christos Parthenis said. "After that, the three fugitives left the spot, and returned shortly later holding two shotguns and a

(AP Photo/A. Nikolopoulos) they also arrested a local man on suspicion of hiding the three fugitives. Greece is caught in its worst financial crisis in decades, and is surviving on international rescue loans granted in exchange for harsh austerity measures. It is in the sixth year of a deep recession, with unemployment at a record 27 percent. The economic pain, coupled with waves of illegal immigration in recent years, has fuelled a rise in anti-immigrant sentiment that swept members of an extreme far-right party into Parliament last year. Golden Dawn, which holds 18 of the house's 300 seats, is currently polling third in opinion surveys, at about 10 percent. □

## Russia:

## Nurses charged with beating orphans

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia's state investigative agency has filed charges against two nurses accused of severely beating three small children at an orphanage, one of them into a coma. The Investigative Committee said Thursday that the two nurses went on a drinking binge and beat a three-year old boy and a ten-month girl to stop them from crying. They also wrapped a seven-month

boy in a blanket and put him in a plastic container to silence him. The committee says the children were hospitalized with injuries. It said the incident happened on April 1, but the orphanage only reported it a week later. Russia's Channel 1 state television says that the youngest victim has been taken out of coma and is recovering. The nurses have been on the run. □

## Pope nixes Vatican bonuses

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — The global economic crisis is hitting Vatican employees in their cassock pockets. The Vatican said Thursday that Pope Francis, known for his frugal ways, decided Vatican employees won't be getting the bonus that traditionally comes with the election of a new pope. In the past, the Vatican's 4,500-plus workers — both religious and lay — would receive an extra little something upon the death

of one pope and another upon the election of his successor: In 2005, the total reportedly came to 1,500 euros (nearly \$2,000) apiece. Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said that given tough economic times — the Vatican posted a 15 million-euro deficit in 2011 — "it didn't seem possible or appropriate to burden the Vatican's budget with a considerable, unforeseen extra expense." □

## Egypt:

## Opposition split over election boycott

**MAGGIE MICHAEL**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — A split erupted Thursday in Egypt's main liberal opposition bloc, the National Salvation Front, over whether to go ahead with a boycott of parliamentary elections or reverse course and par-

ticipate. A joint statement indicating cancellation of the boycott brought a quick retort from other leaders, insisting that their participating in the election was still conditioned on the government's agreement to a list of demands. □





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## Chile rushes to aid ship in Antarctica after fire



In this picture released by Chile's Air Force, smoke billows from a Chinese factory fishing ship Kai Xin just off the coast of Antarctica.

(AP Photo/Chile's Air Force)

**LUIS HENAO**

**Associated Press**

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** — A Chilean military tugboat was heading to Antarctica on Thursday to prevent an environmental disaster by retrieving a Chinese fishing

ship that caught fire and began to drift dangerously near sharp glaciers.

The Kai Xin vessel burned off the coast of Antarctica Wednesday. Its 97 crew members were rescued by the Juvel, a Norwegian

ship, about 34 miles (55 kilometers) from Chile's Bernardo O'Higgins research base near the Antarctic peninsula.

The Kai Xin is now unmanned, and a navy tugboat left port in Punta Arenas, near the southern tip

of South America, to tow the ship to harbor.

"The ship has been drifting in zigzags and circles at about 5 knots per hour. It's very close to glaciers and we've sent the tugboat in case it hits the coast causing an oil spill," said Capt. Juan Villegas, maritime governor for Chile's portion of Antarctica.

The Kai Xin left port in Uruguay and Chilean officials don't know how much fuel it's carrying. Fog forced Chile's air force to cancel a flight on Thursday to check on its condition.

"The ship seems in good conditions from the photos we've seen," Villegas told The Associated Press. "The fire seems to have taken place at the engines and there's no risk of sinking."

A Panamanian-flagged Chinese ship, Skyfrost, also

was nearing the area to help tow the ship, he said.

Officials at Olympic Seafood AS, owner of the Juvel, said they were part of the rescue of the Kai Xin, but downplayed their role.

"Yes, we took the Chinese crew onto our ship. Of course, we help people who are in distress," said Even T. Remoey, the sales and marketing director of Olympic Seafood, based in Fosnavaag, a western Norwegian coastal town.

The 104-meter (341-foot) Chinese vessel was built in 1990, according to the website of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. The Kai Xin is operated by Shanghai Kaichuang Marine International Co., Ltd., a company that specializes in deep-sea fishing, fisheries products and processing. □

## Argentina:

## Pope Francis criticized in court

**MICHAEL WARREN**

**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**

**(AP)** — Pope Francis is being harshly criticized in an Argentine courtroom.

Graciela Yorio accused Jorge Mario Bergoglio of turning his back on her brother, the late Jesuit priest Orlando Virgilio Yorio, before and after he was kidnapped by the military dictatorship in 1976.

Bergoglio has said he did what he could as a young Jesuit leader to protect Yorio and other slum priests from being kidnapped by the right-wing junta. He

also testified in 2010 that he worked behind the scenes to win their freedom.

But Graciela Yorio testified Thursday that her "brother was practically abandoned" by Bergoglio and the Church.

She's one of more than 800 witnesses in the trial of 67 defendants accused of human rights violations against 789 people inside the feared Navy Mechanics School. □

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## Rights activist:

# Venezuelan troops beating protesters

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**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — National Guard troops beat dozens of opposition supporters inside a barracks for refusing to accept the government-certified electoral victory of Hugo Chavez's heir, a leading Venezuelan human rights lawyer charged Thursday. Alfredo Romero said his group's lawyers also compiled evidence supporting

tainees ranged in age from 15 to 22. The Associated Press sought comment from Interior Ministry spokesman Jorge Galindo but he did not answer his cellphone. Romero called the crackdown Venezuela's worst political persecution since 2006, when Chavez shut down the opposition TV station RCTV and more than 250 people were arrested. His 12-year-old group Foro Penal Venezolano has

day, and the government says 15 countries including Iran, China and Saudi Arabia were sending high-level delegations. Brazil said its president, Dilma Rousseff, was attending as was Argentina's Cristina Fernandez, but it was not clear whether the president of neighboring Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, would attend. On Thursday, Maduro headed to Lima, Peru, for a meeting of presidents of

by authorities when they tried to flee, said Diego Scharifker, president of the youth wing of the Nuevo Tiempo party. One of the protesters remained jailed on charges of firing a gun even though tests didn't find gunpowder residue on his hands, Scharifker said. Romero said other activists described being arrested as they were walking home from peaceful protests. The government alleges Capriles' backers have in-



**Riot police charges towards demonstrators as opposition supporters and students on a block a highway in Caracas, Venezuela.**  
(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

opposition activists' claims that National Guard troops had used excessive force against protesters, including shooting some point-blank with plastic shotgun pellets. Romero said the beatings occurred at National Guard barracks No. 47 in the western city of Barquisimeto after at least 300 protesters were arrested across Venezuela for backing opposition candidate Henrique Capriles' demand for a recount of all the votes cast Sunday. Interrogators "put baseball caps on these kids' head with a pro-government insignia ... and made them say they recognized the Maduro government, and if they said 'No' they were beaten," Romero said, adding that most of de-

more than 200 lawyers who represent without charge people they consider political prisoners. He said the group has complained to the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, whose rulings Venezuela's government no longer recognizes, and is preparing a complaint to the International Criminal Court. One of the worst cases of excessive force this week occurred in the central city of Valencia, members of the opposition's youth wing said in Caracas. They said National Guardsmen fired plastic pellets at extremely close range at a group protesting the regime-friendly National Electoral Council's decision to ratify the victory of Nicolas Maduro. Maduro is to be sworn in Fri-

the Union of South American Nations, UNASUR, to discuss Venezuela's post-election tensions. Capriles said in a Twitter message that he was evaluating whether to go, too. The youth opposition wing members displayed photographs showing deep, bloody wounds on the skin of a man's hand and arm. They said the man is Jonny Alvarado, a local leader of the centrist Proyecto Venezuela party who had been shot three times in the arm and was at risk of losing his hand. The AP confirmed Alvarado's non-life-threatening injuries with the director of the hospital where he was treated. In Monagas state, a group of 30 to 40 protesters was attacked by pro-government forces, then detained

cited all the postelection violence, which it says has caused eight deaths and 70 injuries. It also charges the opposition loyalists have burned eight health clinics and several offices of the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela. Non-government media and private citizens have published photos of unmolested clinics and party offices that they said disproved the claims. Chief Prosecutor Luisa Ortega reiterated on Thursday the government's contention that neither it nor its supporters were to blame for any of the violence that followed Sunday's vote. "A common denominator is that the wounded and injured are all supporters of Chavismo," she said in an interview on state TV. □

## CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

### Puerto Rico official faces porn charges

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — An agent with Puerto Rico's Justice Department has been arrested on federal charges of producing child pornography. Authorities said 36-year-old Hector Vargas Reyes was arrested Thursday at his home following accusations that he used a cellphone to take images of a 16-year-old girl in sexually explicit poses in her bathroom. Vargas is being held in jail until an April 23 bail hearing. He has not yet entered a plea. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Vargas worked within the agency's Special Investigations division.

### Plane evacuated in Trinidad for safety

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — Airline officials say authorities in Trinidad evacuated 181 passengers from a jetliner bound for Miami because of an anonymous call about a mysterious package on board. American Airlines says the plane at Piarco International Airport was taxing Thursday morning when it returned to the gate for inspection. Caribbean Airline chairman Rabindra Moonan said authorities searched the plane but found nothing. American Airlines says the flight finally left for Miami five hours after its scheduled departure.

### Ex-Puerto Rico chief seeks to legalize pot

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — A former Puerto Rico police chief who is now a senator has filed a bill seeking to legalize marijuana possession for personal use. Miguel Pereira says it should be legal for those 21 and older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana. Currently, those charged with possession can face up to three years in jail and a \$5,000 fine. □





## At the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort: CATA delegates enjoy magical evening under the stars

**PALM BEACH** – Delegate of the annual Conferencia Anual de Turismo de Aruba, the CATA tourism conference, hoteliers and members of the Aruba Tourism Authority enjoyed a most creative evening offered by Divi Resorts and hosted by its Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeyer and his executive staff at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort. Also on hand to meet and mingle with the dignitaries Tabitha Fecunda, Island Marketing & Promotion Manager, and Howard Maduro, Divi's Latin America Sales Director. The evening took off with an elegant Western

themed cocktail party under the stars with a full live orchestra and culminated with a hopping, rocking dance floor. The invited CATA delegates, all travel professionals from Latin America, were enchanted with the reception they received. After all, they were invited to the island in order to experience Aruba's vacation product first-hand and were very impressed with the brand of hospitality at Divi Resorts, and the beauty of their resort surroundings. Executive Chef Anthony de Palm further charmed guests with the rich and varied party food,



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## Aruba's Chamber Of Commerce to hold lecture on revised labor laws

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**EAGLE BEACH** - Concerning the labor law changes that have recently been introduced, Aruba's Chamber Of Commerce is organizing a lecture on the above-mentioned subject. Be aware of what exactly has been changed and what this means for your company and its employees. Please feel free to attend this lecture in order to obtain all this valuable information, where attendees will also have the opportunity to ask other general labor law questions, important to their companies. This important lecture will take place Tuesday, April

23, 2013, from 4 pm - 6 pm at the KvK Auditorium. Featured speakers at the lecture will include Eline J.M. Lotter Homan and Misha Bemer. The lecture will be in English, and entrance is free. Registration is mandatory and attendees will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis as seating capacity is limited. Interested parties may apply by sending an email to [sueellen@arubachamber.com](mailto:sueellen@arubachamber.com) - please leave your name and phone number. Aruba's Chamber Of Commerce hopes to see you Tuesday, April 23rd! □





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friends. The group enjoyed the hospitality of Amazonia Churrascaria, where in addition to prime cuts of choice grilled meats and a sensational 52 item fresh-ingredient salad bar, they sang a heartfelt rendition of Happy Birthday, to Randall, with all carvers and waiters as the orchestra!! ☐



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# Welcome Back Jeff and Marcy!

**PALM BEACH** - Bugaloe welcomes back another couple of the week! This week, the lovely couple Jeff and Marcy Schrotten-



boer, from Michigan and Holland! This special couple have been enjoying Aruba for the last 14 years! The Bugaloe staff, overall at-

mosphere, the view and their favorite band Joyride performing every Tuesday, are what they love about Bugaloe. Favorite menu

item is the Snack Platter with a drink of Amstel Bright. Jeff and Marcy attended the 'Bugaloe Goes To Boston Party' in September 2012 and hung out with



the Bugaloe crew for several unforgettable days. The funniest memory they have is getting crazy and

dancing all night with their Aruba friends, to some of Bugaloe's fun tunes! The Bugaloe crew would like

to thank Jeff and Marcy for being so loyal to Bugaloe and we hope to see them more often! □

## Wild Georgia weather can't shake Team Aruba from top

### ORANGESTAD/GEORGIA

- After taking the pole in their first lap down the track at the ADRL Georgia Drags VII, Team Aruba was amped for the weekend of racing. Through three rounds of qualifying, they managed to hold the number one spot with their 4.063 elapsed time.

Race day was full of promise for the Aruba.com/Alltel Wireless Mustang. Mother Nature, however, had different plans. Sunday dawned with rain that never left and by noon the event was canceled.

The ADRL cancellation policy states that the event is canceled without makeup, but that all points and monies will be awarded.

"It was very exciting and encouraging to achieve the number one qualifying spot," told driver Trevor Eman, "but at the same time it was very upsetting to see rain cancel our event. We were ready to tackle race day, and were confident to take the win together with the number

one qualifying spot.

Those things are out of our control, however, and



overall we can't be disappointed. This is just another step towards winning a race this year, which we just can't wait to make happen.

"ADRL canceled the event in its entirety due to the

rain, but they are granting everyone their qualifying points. We were fourth

in points before the event, but only one point behind third, so our qualifying points should take us to the third spot in the Extreme Pro Stock points standings. Just the idea of being top three in points is nice to hear."

So far in 2013, Team Aruba has already been one of the most successful teams

in XPS, reaching the semi finals in the first event and achieving the number one qualifying spot at the second stop on the tour. "I'd like to extend my well wishes to Dan Parker," added Eman. "He was the spe-

cial guest of ADRL at this past weekend's event. Last year he lost his eyesight due to a drag racing accident and is now aiming to become the first blind person to pilot a vehicle on the Bonneville salt flats. That's an incredible goal and we believe that he will no doubt accomplish it. Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to personally shake his hand at the event and give him my well wishes, but I would like him to know that Team Aruba is behind him in his ambitions.

"As a team coming from the tiny island of Aruba, who needs to travel long way to and from the races every time there is a race, we recognize that reaching your goals is not always easy, and that there are roadblocks along the way. Team Aruba is on a mission to win an ADRL Extreme Pro Stock race in the near future, and hopefully one day a Championship, and I know that Dan Parker will reach his goals as well. Dan, go get 'em!" □





## Burnett flirts with no-no

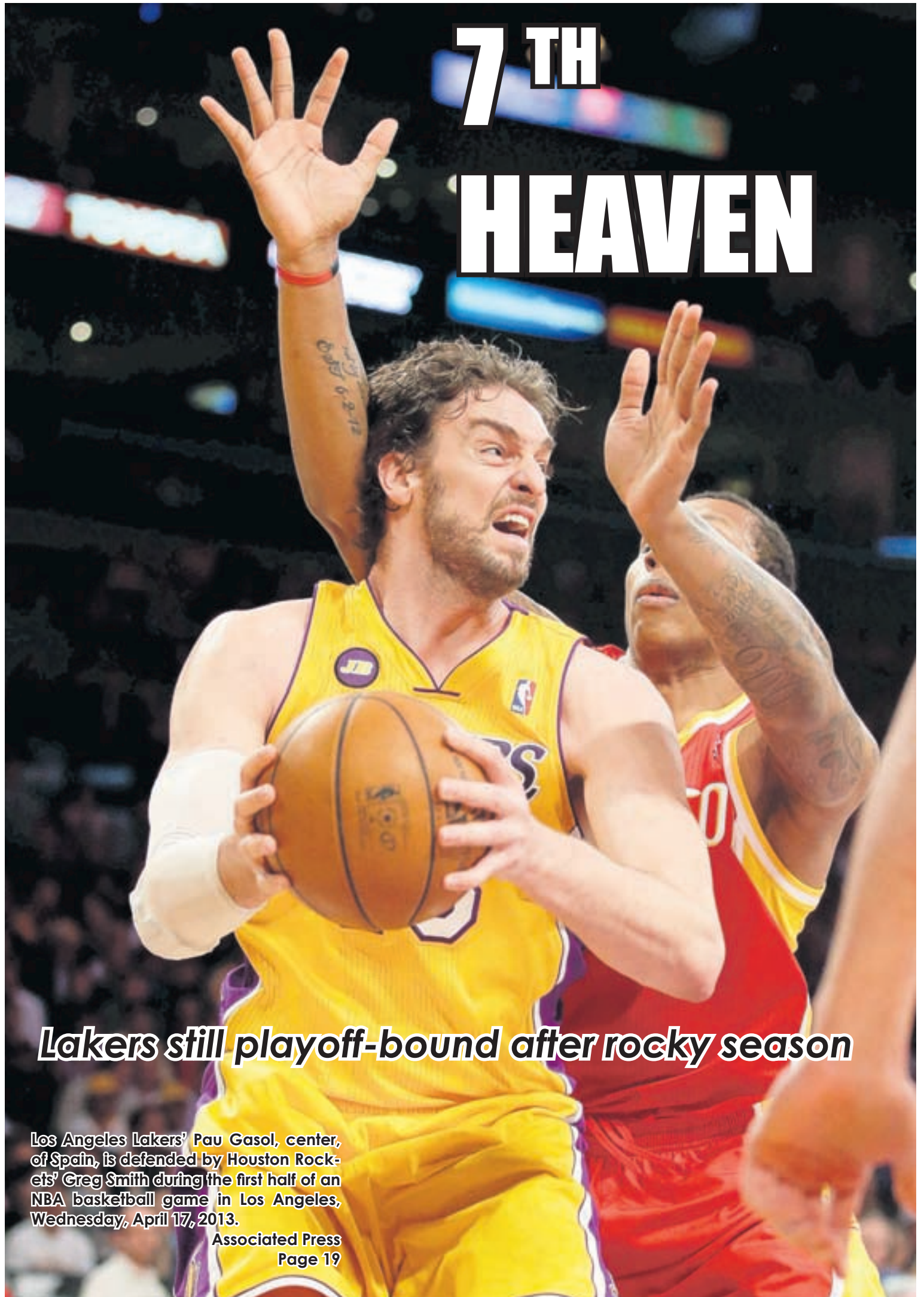
Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher A.J. Burnett acknowledges applause from the crowd after he recorded his 2,000th career strikeout by striking out St. Louis Cardinals' Carlos Beltran in the second inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in Pittsburgh.

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**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — A.J. Burnett took a no-hitter into the seventh inning nearly 12 years after throwing the only one of his career, pitching the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 5-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night. Burnett (1-2) lost his bid with two outs in the seventh on Carlos Beltran's double to right-center. That was the lone hit given up by the 36-year-old right-hander in seven dominant innings. Burnett struck out eight. He got the 2,000th strikeout of his 15-year career when he caught Beltran looking in the second. Mark Melancon, Tony Watson and Jason Grilli completed the one-hitter. Burnett's no-hitter came on May 12, 2001, for the Florida Marlins in San Diego. That game was also notable for his nine walks. Burnett walked none against St. Louis.

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> HEAVEN

## Lakers still playoff-bound after rocky season

Los Angeles Lakers' Pau Gasol, center, of Spain, is defended by Houston Rockets' Greg Smith during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

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# Nadal into quarters; Murray thrashed by Wawrinka

**JEROME PUGMIRE**

**AP Sports Writer**

**MONACO (AP)** — Eight-time defending champion Rafael Nadal extended his Monte Carlo Masters winning streak to 44 matches while second-ranked Andy Murray couldn't even win four games in the third round on Thursday. Top-ranked Novak Djokovic put his sore right ankle to the test again as he came back from a set down for the second straight match to beat Juan Monaco of Argentina 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

"I'm not physically out there feeling my best," Djokovic said. "(It) somehow feels that I always miss that half a step, you know. But I'm trying. I'm fighting. After I lost the first set today, I tried to find that inner strength. I found it again."

Nadal put away Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany 6-2, 6-4, and Murray was thrashed 6-1, 6-2 by Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland. Murray dropped serve five times and made sloppy unforced errors against Wawrinka, who had won their two only previous meetings on clay. Murray

was jeered off the court. "Just looked at the stats ... 24 unforced errors is far too many. That's a set's worth. That's where half the points went," a despondent Murray said. "I hope that's not going to be the case over the next five, six weeks. I've had tough losses on the clay before and I've come back well from them. Hopefully today will be the same."

Murray won less than half of his first-serve points and his touch was off throughout the match.

Wawrinka said Murray's negative body language was easy to read when he's not playing well on clay.

"I think when he's not feeling that good, he cannot just play from the baseline against me. For me it's perfect because he's playing so slow," Wawrinka said. "You never expect to beat a top-four player, especially that easy."

Sixth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga also advanced with a clinical 6-3, 6-0 win against Jurgen Melzer and fourth-seeded Tomas Berdych lost 6-4, 6-2 to Fabio Fognini of Italy.



**Andy Murray of Britain reacts during his match against Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland at the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament in Monaco, Thursday, April 18, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

The third-seeded Nadal comfortably dispatched Kohlschreiber without facing a single break point. The Spaniard next faces Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov. "He's playing well," Nadal said. "He's able to play very aggressive, very good technique. He's (a) complete player." Nadal picked off Kohlschreiber from the back of the court, clipping a forehand winner past him to break and then holding to love to move 5-3 up in the second set. He served out, clinching victory when the Ger-

man scooped a backhand into the net.

Djokovic did a skip of delight when Monaco sent a return long on match point. The Serb twisted his right ankle on Davis Cup duty against the United States a little less than two weeks ago and had been doubtful to play at Monte Carlo, where he lost to Nadal in last year's final.

"I am trying to take things day by day," he said. "I didn't know what to expect today and I'm really glad that I won."

Djokovic had a lengthy

chat with a trainer at the end of the first set and decided to carry on playing. He went up a break early in the second set and held for 3-0.

He plays Jarkko Nieminen in the quarterfinals after the Finn beat fifth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

Nieminen sealed victory on his second match point when del Potro sent a big forehand wide. Both players dropped serve five times in a gritty contest lasting 2 hours, 37 minutes.

Tsonga did not concede a single break point and took a little under one hour to win, setting up a quarterfinal against Wawrinka.

"He's playing really fast," Wawrinka said. "He's a really, really good clay-court player."

Dimitrov beat Florian Mayer of Germany 6-2, 6-4 and Nadal was wary of him.

"I have to try to be solid all the time and put him in not easy positions to attack the ball," Nadal said.

Fognini next plays seventh-seeded Richard Gasquet after he beat No. 9 Marin Cilic 7-5, 6-4. □

# Cyclist Hoy retires after winning 6 Olympic golds

**STEVE DOUGLAS**

**AP Sports Writer**

**MANCHESTER, England (AP)** — Six-time gold medalist Chris Hoy retired from cycling Thursday, saying he had expended "every last ounce of effort and energy" in becoming Britain's most decorated Olympian and spearheading the country's rise to the top of the sport. Hoy decided to quit now rather than compete in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in his native Scotland, where the track cycling will be held in Glasgow's Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome. "I feel I like have got every last ounce of effort and energy out of myself," the 37-year-old Hoy said at a news conference in Edinburgh. "I wouldn't

want to turn up there as a shadow of my former self." Hoy is cycling's most successful Olympian, having won his first gold in Athens in 2004 and capturing three more in Beijing in 2008 and another two at his home games in London last year. He also won a silver medal in Sydney in 2000.

Along with Tour de France champion and seven-time Olympic medalist Bradley Wiggins, Hoy helped turn cycling from a minority sport in Britain to one of its most popular pursuits.

"Chris is an icon and he has earned a revered place among our nation's greatest sporting heroes," British Olympic Association chairman Sebastian Coe said. Hoy's collection of Olym-

pic golds is one more than British rowing great Steve Redgrave, who won five from 1984-2000. Redgrave was there to congratulate a tearful Hoy after his final gold — holding off Maximilian Levy of Germany in the home straight of the keirin at the London Olympics in a typical show of resilience. "To win on that day, and the nature I did, was a pretty special moment," said Hoy, who acknowledged that his body was telling him he was still "good but not good enough."

"I think it just dawned on me over time that I am satisfied, happy, content. There is no lingering doubt. I know I have done everything I can and it would be a mistake to go on."



**This is a Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012. file photo of Britain's Chris Hoy as he shows his gold medal in the track cycling men's keirin event, during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.**

**Associated Press**

Hoy's 13-year career at the top of cycling saw him also win 11 world titles and two Commonwealth golds. He received a knighthood in 2008 and is known as Sir Chris. By winning the team sprint, keirin and sprint at the 2008 Games, he became the first Briton in 100 years to win three gold medals at one Olympics.

He overcame a career-threatening hip injury in 2009 and held off the growing threat of teammate Jason Kenny to star in London in 2012.

"What he's done for cycling for this country has been bigger than anybody can even put into words," British cyclist Mark Cavendish said. □





Cleveland Cavaliers head coach Byron Scott watches from the bench during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Charlotte Bobcats in Charlotte, N.C., Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

Associated Press

## Cleveland Cavaliers fire coach Byron Scott

**TOM WITHERS**  
AP Sports Writer  
INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)

— The Cleveland Cavaliers have fired coach Byron Scott after three losing seasons. Scott went 64-166 with the Cavaliers, who were weakened by injuries this season but also showed little progress. Scott was informed he would not be coming back on Thursday, one day after Cleveland closed a frustrating season with its sixth straight loss and finished 24-58 — the NBA's third-worst record.

Scott has one season left on his contract. The Cavaliers picked up his option for 2014 in October.

The Cavs' three seasons under Scott were among the worst in franchise history. He isn't solely to blame, but his young team seemed to tune him out towards the end, leaving owner Dan Gilbert no choice but to make a coaching change for the second time in four years.

On Wednesday, Scott said the season has been "frustrating" because the Cavaliers "haven't had our full complement of players. □

## Collins out as 76ers coach

**DAN GELSTON**  
AP Sports Writer  
PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— Doug Collins has resigned after three seasons as coach of the Philadelphia 76ers and will remain with the NBA franchise as an adviser. Collins has one year left on his original four-year deal worth \$4.5 million. He steps down after a season so full of promise unraveled starting with the knee injury to center Andrew Bynum. The Sixers went 34-48 and missed the playoffs for the first time in his three seasons.

The decision was announced by owner Josh Harris on Thursday.

"This is his decision," Harris said. "He is not being pushed out."

At the team's end-of-season press conference, Collins said he made this decision in December, citing family reasons.

"There are a lot of things I want to enjoy," he said.

That, and Collins wanted no part of what is expected to be a long rebuilding process from the bench. He will instead add his input from the front office. □

## Lakers get No. 7 seed; Anthony wins scoring title



Los Angeles Lakers' Steve Blake, left, drives to the basket past Houston Rockets' Francisco Garcia during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

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**The Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Steve Blake scored 24 points, Pau Gasol added his seventh career triple-double, and the Los Angeles Lakers secured the seventh playoff seed in the Western Conference with a 99-95 overtime victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night. Dwight Howard had 16 points and 18 rebounds, and the All-Star center blocked James Harden's shot in the final seconds of overtime for the Lakers, who only clinched a playoff berth about 10 minutes before tipoff in their season finale.

After winning once more without Kobe Bryant and Steve Nash, Los Angeles will face second-seeded San Antonio in the first round.

Chandler Parsons hit a tying 3-pointer from three steps behind the line at the regulation buzzer for the Rockets, who will face top-seeded Oklahoma City after losing four of six to end the regular season.

**WARRIORS 99, TRAIL BLAZERS 88**

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Stephen Curry set a NBA single-season record for 3-pointers with 272 and Golden State defeated Portland in the teams' season finale.

It was the 13th straight loss for the Blazers, equaling the franchise record set in the 1971-72 season.

Curry surpassed Ray Allen's single-season 3-point total of 269 set in 2005-06. Needing two for the record, Curry opened the game with two straight misses from beyond the arc, but hit his first midway through the first quarter before making the record-breaker with 6:49 to go in the second.

His backcourt teammate Klay Thompson led the Warriors with 24 points. Golden State earned the Western Conference's sixth seed and will face Denver in the first round of the playoffs. LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points and a season-high 21 rebounds for Portland, which lost its eighth straight at home.

**GRIZZLIES 86, JAZZ 70**  
**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — Zach Randolph had 25 points and 19 rebounds and Memphis ended Utah's playoff hopes.

The Grizzlies' victory meant the Los Angeles Lakers were assured of making the playoffs even before their late game against the Houston Rockets.

Mike Conley finished with 14 points for Memphis, which won its second straight and fifth in the past six. Darrell Arthur finished

with 11 points for the Grizzlies, who took the West's fifth seed and will face the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round.

Al Jefferson scored 22 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead Utah, the only Jazz player in double figures. The Jazz managed only 32 percent shooting and were outrebounded 57-47.

**BULLS 95, WIZARDS 92**  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — Carlos Boozer had 19 points and 15 rebounds to help the Bulls clinch the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference with a win over the Wizards in the regular-season finale. Kirk Hinrich added 18 points and Nazr Mohammed had a season-high 17 for the Bulls, who will face the Brooklyn Nets in the opening round of the playoffs. It sure wasn't easy.

A.J. Price scored a career-high 24 points and John Wall overcame a slow start to finish with 23 for the Wizards, who kept coming back every time it looked as though the Bulls were ready to put them away. **HEAT 105, MAGIC 93**  
**MIAMI (AP)** — Dwyane Wade scored 21 points and handed out 10 assists, Mike Miller added 21 points and the Miami Heat wrapped up the regular season with a win over the Magic. □



# Somber Red Sox regroup, beat Indians 7-2

**The Associated Press**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Converted closer Alfredo Aceves coasted through five innings, Mike Napoli and Daniel Nava drove in two runs apiece and the Red Sox, bonded by the tragedy in Boston, struck quickly against Justin Masterson and beat the Cleveland Indians 6-3 on Wednesday night for their fifth straight win.

Aceves (1-0), who began the season in Boston's bullpen, took a shutout into the sixth before giving up three runs. Andrew Bailey, filling for injured closer Joel Hanrahan, worked the ninth for his first save. Napoli had an RBI single in the first when the Red Sox scored three off Masterson (3-1), who has already beaten two Cy Young Award winners this season and came in without allowing a run in 19 straight innings.

Nick Swisher and Jason Giambi homered for the Indians, who dropped their third in a row.

The Red Sox hung a gray "617 Boston Strong" jersey in their dugout, just as they did for Tuesday's emotional series opener — one day



**Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Alfredo Aceves delivers against the Cleveland Indians in the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in Cleveland.**

**Associated Press**

after the deadly marathon bombings back home. The jersey has become a symbol of unity for the club, which will be back at Fenway Park on Friday to open a 10-game homestand. Shane Victorino, Jacoby Ellsbury and Mike Carp had three hits apiece as the Red Sox built Aceves a 5-0 lead.

**TIGERS 2, MARINERS 1, 14 INNINGS**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Detroit catcher Brayan Pena held onto Prince Fielder's relay throw and absorbed a collision with Justin Smoak at home plate for the final out, and the Tigers outlasted the Seattle Mariners in 14 innings.

Smoak singled with one out off Joaquin Benoit, and with two outs Dustin Ackley doubled into the right-field corner. Third base coach Jeff Datz didn't hesitate in waiving Smoak around with the potential tying run. Torii Hunter started the relay from the outfield, and Fielder's throw was up the third base line a bit. Pena, however, caught it in plenty of time and held onto the ball as Smoak crashed

into him.

Detroit took the lead in the top of the 14th when Pena's bases-loaded ground-out scored pinch-runner Don Kelly. The conclusion came long after starters Felix Hernandez and Max Scherzer pitched gems in a game that included a whopping 40 strikeouts.

Drew Smyly (1-0) worked one inning for the win. Benoit earned his first save of the season.

According to the Mariners, it was the second time in major league history that both teams had more than 18 strikeouts. The only other time was June 16, 2001, when the Giants and Padres both struck out 20 times in a 15-inning game. Detroit batters tied the team record for most strikeouts in a game with 21 — five by Fielder, who was hitless in six at-bats.

Charlie Furbush (0-1) took the loss.

**RAYS 6, ORIOLES 2**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Kelly Johnson and Shelley Duncan homered, James Loney had three RBIs and Tampa Bay beat Baltimore to snap a four-game skid. □



**Kansas City Royals' Jeff Francoeur hits a single to score teammate Alcides Escobar, not pictured, in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in Atlanta.**

**Associated Press**

## NL Capsule

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Cardinals rookie Shelby Miller (2-1) pitched well despite taking his first loss in four career decisions.

**PADRES 7, DODGERS 2**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Clayton Kershaw gave up his first three home runs of the season in a span of three innings and the San Diego Padres beat the Los Angeles Dodgers to finish a three-game sweep.

Everth Cabrera, Chris Denorfia and Kyle Blanks all connected off Kershaw (2-2), who entered with a 1.16 ERA in three starts. But the 2011 NL Cy Young Award winner left this one trailing 5-1 after throwing 109 pitches in 5 1-3 innings.

Boosted by the return of slugger Chase Headley from a broken thumb, the Padres pounded out 13 hits and beat one of baseball's

best pitchers. After arriving with a 2-10 record, San Diego earned its first sweep at Dodger Stadium of three or more games since July 2006. It was the first series between the NL West rivals since their wild brawl last week in San Diego.

Cabrera had three hits and scored twice as the Padres sent Los Angeles to its fourth straight defeat. Headley was back at third base and went 1 for 4 with a late RBI single.

Brad Brach (1-0) retired Skip Schumaker on a comebacker with the bases loaded in the fifth.

**NATIONALS 6, MARLINS 1**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Ross Detwiler departed with a lead for the third start in a row and this time the bullpen held on as Bryce Harper and the Washington Nationals beat the Miami Marlins.

Harper, back in the Nationals' lineup after missing one game with the flu, hiked

his average to .364 with four hits and improved to 9 for 20 against Ricky Nolasco (0-2). Harper hit two solo homers off Nolasco on opening day. Detwiler (1-0) allowed one run in seven innings, which increased his ERA to 0.90. He left his first two starts with the Nationals ahead 5-1 and 4-1, but both times received no decision.

**BREWERS 4, GIANTS 3**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Pinch-hitter Blake Lalli lifted a long single in the bottom of the ninth inning that sent the Milwaukee Brewers over the San Francisco Giants.

With the score tied, one out and the outfielders playing in, Lalli stepped to the plate for just the sixth time this season. Lalli lofted a deep fly ball well over the head of left fielder Gregor Blanco for his first hit of 2013. Milwaukee extended its longest winning streak this year to three. □



# Bruins return home, lose to Sabres 3-2 in SO



United States soldiers walk outside TD Garden before a Boston Bruins hockey game against the Buffalo Sabres in Boston, Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in the aftermath of Monday's Boston Marathon bombings.

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**BOSTON (AP)** — Drew Stafford scored the only shoot-out goal after Buffalo tied the game in the final minute of regulation, and the Sabres beat the Bruins 3-2 on Wednesday night in the first pro game in Boston since the marathon bombings on Monday. The Sabres forced overtime with 26.6 seconds left when Cody Hodgson scored his 14th goal of the season, tipping in Thomas Vanek's pass into the slot during a power play. Boston still clinched a playoff berth by gaining one point. The Bruins are tied in points with Montreal atop the Northeast Division, but have one game in hand on the Canadiens. Both teams trail Eastern Conference-leading Pittsburgh by nine points.

There was heightened security at TD Garden where cars entering the garage were searched, and fans were checked with wands and patted down. There was a pregame period of silence and a slideshow of scenes from the Boston Marathon in which three people died and more than 170 were

wounded when two bombs went off near the finish line on Monday. Vanek also scored in regulation for Buffalo. Daniel Paille and Chris Kelly both gave Boston one-goal leads that the Bruins failed to hold. The 10th-place Sabres are two places and two points below the Eastern Conference's postseason cutoff, but have only four games to go.

**PENGUINS 6, CANADIENS 4 PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Brenden Morrow scored two goals for the second straight game and Pittsburgh beat Montreal to move closer to clinching the top seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Penguins lead the Canadiens by nine points in the fight for the top seed. Both teams have five games remaining.

Brandon Sutter added two goals for Pittsburgh, and newly acquired Jarome Iginla and Doug Murray also scored for the Penguins, who had little trouble with the Canadiens despite playing without injured stars Sidney Crosby (broken jaw) and Evgeni Malkin (shoulder).

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 31 shots, and Pittsburgh dominated in racing to a quick 4-0 lead.

Brian Gionta, Alex Galchenyuk, Gabriel Dumont and Andrei Markov scored for the reeling Canadiens, who have lost three straight. Peter Budaj started in goal but was pulled after stopping just six of the nine shots he faced in the first period.

Carey Price relieved and allowed three goals on 20 shots, absorbing the loss.

**BLUE JACKETS 3, DUCKS 2, OT ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Fedor Tyutin scored 2:19 into overtime, and Columbus won its fifth straight game and moved into eighth place in the Western Conference with a victory over Anaheim. Blake Comeau and Matt Calvert also scored for the Blue Jackets, who rallied to win and jumped two points ahead of Detroit. Columbus moved within one point of seventh-place St. Louis, which has two games in hand. Sergei Bobrovsky made 26 saves.

The Ducks, who already have clinched a postseason berth, lead Los Angeles

and San Jose by six points in their bid for their second Pacific Division title.

Defenseman Sami Vatanen scored his first NHL goal, one day after Anaheim recalled him from the minors, and David Steckel ended a 32-game goal drought. Viktor Fasth stopped 25 shots.

**FLAMES 3, RED WINGS 2 CALGARY, Alberta (AP)** — Steve Begin scored two

goals in the third period, and Calgary held on to hand playoff-hopeful Detroit a one-goal loss. Begin took advantage of a pair of blunders by goalie Jimmy Howard to score his third and fourth goals of the season. Lee Stempniak also scored for the Flames (17-22-4), who won all three games against the Red Wings this season. □

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# Investigators look beyond birds for origin of flu strain

**BEIJING** – China is investigating four possible cases of human-to-human transmission of a deadly bird flu that has killed 17 people, but so far there has been “no sustained” evidence of transmission between people, the World Health Organization said Thursday. Three families in Shanghai and two children in Beijing were being examined as possible examples of human-to-human transmission, Gregory Hartl, the spokesman for WHO in Geneva, said in a telephone interview.

“Even if two family members are positive, it is not necessarily the case they got it from each other,” Hartl said. “They may have gotten it from the same bird.”

As investigators looked at the possibility of human transmission, there was mounting concern that the new virus, known as H7N9, may not originate in birds but in other animals and in environmental sources, he said.

To that end, a team of international influenza experts from the agency's headquarters in Geneva and a regional office in Manila and scientists from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

who were invited by China to help investigate the virus, arrived in Beijing Thursday. The experts would be looking at possible sources for the virus other than birds,

agency center at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said Wednesday that an estimated 40 percent of people infected with the

incidence of infected people who had no contact with birds.

“It is not clear all cases so far have had contact with poultry,” Hartl said.

tal source, the international investigating team would be casting a wide net for possible sources, Hartl said. Seventeen people have died since China told the World Health Organization on March 3 of the bird flu outbreak, according to China's state-run news agency, Xinhua. Even as the international investigators would be seeking other sources of infection, China's agricultural authorities were insisting the H7N9 virus was still confined to live poultry markets. The news agency said that 47,801 samples had been collected from 1,000 poultry markets, habitats and farms from across China, and that agricultural authorities said 39 tested positive for H7N9. Hartl noted that the percentage of positives was very low.

Early suspicions that pigs might be the carrier of the virus have not been confirmed, Hartl said. Pigs were tested soon after the outbreak was announced, he said, and there were no positive results. Chinese authorities had informed the WHO about three families in Shanghai where more than one person was infected with the virus, Hartl said. □



**A vendor stands outside her store as the Chinese character for poultry is seen covered with a red cloth after it was prohibited from being sold in Naidong village, where a boy tested positive for the H7N9 virus, in Beijing.**

(AP Photo)

Hartl said.

A Chinese expert on the disease, Feng Zijian, the director of the health emer-

virus said they never had contact with poultry.

Hartl concurred with Feng about the surprisingly low

Because it seemed possible that the virus originated in animals other than birds, or from some environmen-

# U.S. infant mortality rate fell steadily from 2005 to 2011

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**WASHINGTON** – The nation's infant mortality rate fell by 12 percent from 2005 through 2011, a promising pattern that researchers say may be due in part to a decline in premature births. The decline came after a period of stalled progress. Although the infant mortality rate dropped significantly over the 20th century, it remained static from 2000 to 2005, according to a report released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

By 2011, however, the rate had dropped to 6.05 deaths of babies less than 1 year old per 1,000 births, down from 6.87 in 2000. Some of the most striking improvements were in

Southern states, which still have higher infant mortality rates than most of the country.

The rate of infant deaths declined the most among black mothers—a drop of 16 percent from 2005 to 2011. Historically, infant mortality rates among black women have been more than twice those among white women.

“We are seeing a slight narrowing in the gap, and that's very encouraging,” said Marian F. MacDorman, a senior statistician at the National Center for Health Statistics and an author of the report. “But the gap is still really big.”

The states with the steepest declines in infant deaths – Georgia, Louisiana, North

Carolina and South Carolina – have long been plagued with some of the nation's highest infant mortality rates, MacDorman added. In all four states the rate dropped by more than 20 percent from 2005 to 2010, the latest year for which state data are available. The District of Columbia, which has expanded a home-visit program for poor pregnant women and stepped up other efforts to keep mothers and their babies healthy, saw the biggest drop: from 14.05 deaths per 1,000 births in 2005 to 7.86 in 2010.

The states with the highest infant mortality rates are Mississippi and Alabama, according to the report, but even Mississippi saw its rate drop by 15 percent

from 2005 to 2010.

MacDorman said the nation's rate of premature births – babies born before 37 weeks of gestation – peaked at 12.8 percent in 2006 and had dropped every year since then. That is a likely factor in the decline of the infant mortality rate, she said. In 2009, the latest year for which CDC data is available, two-thirds of all infant deaths in the United States were among pre-term babies.

Another possible factor is a recent emphasis on preventing planned early deliveries.

A growing number of hospitals are not allowing mothers to schedule births before 39 weeks without a medical reason. In 2011, the March of Dimes started

a public education campaign, Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait, to reduce medically unnecessary deliveries before 39 weeks of gestation. The Department of Health and Human Services began a similar effort, Strong Start, last year.

“It's been going on for a few years now and I think it has had an impact,” MacDorman said of concerted efforts to discourage early deliveries. “It's maybe leading to just a little change in the culture.”

Infant mortality dropped in four of the five leading causes of death from 2005 to 2011: congenital malformations, short gestation/low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome and maternal complications. □



# Tuning in: Twitter launches music app

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**AP Business Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Twitter has launched a service that lets people find music they like and tweet songs from iTunes, Spotify and Rdio.

Twitter made the app available for download from Apple's online store and also launched a Web version on Thursday. Twitter said the service will eventually be available on Android devices as well.

The service uses information from Twitter chatter to detect popular tracks as well as new artists. Users who follow musicians can see other artists those musicians follow and can listen to 30-second clips of songs by them.

Tapping the play button on an image of an artist plays a clip from one song picked to represent them. In the case of Gotye, for example, a tap plays a preview of "Eyes Wide Open." Users can tap another button that opens iTunes where they can buy the track. Or they can play full songs by signing up for a \$10-a-month subscription from Spotify or Rdio.

While users can tweet what they're listening to and

add a few characters of comment, they have to go back to the regular Twitter app for normal Twitter functions. However, the people you're following and who's following you are integrated across both apps.

The music app is strikingly more visually appealing than the regular Twitter app. Squares of photos of artists fill the screen and bounce around in response to swipes. The app also starts a turntable spinning with a little picture of album cover art when playing a song.

For now, the service is only available in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.

In a blog post, the company said its service "will change the way people find music." It is calling the app (hash)music, following Twitter's practice of using hashtags to organize tweets around topics.

Thursday's announcement about a music service had been expected. "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest tweeted about it last week.

As more music is sold through the recommendations of friends on social networks, observers said it's

natural for Twitter to get involved.

"Social media is the current and the next frontier in terms of marketing everything," said Larry Iser, a Los Angeles music lawyer whose firm represents Justin Bieber. "One tweet from Justin Bieber can launch a new product or a new artist. It makes sense Twitter wants to come to the space and do what Myspace has been trying to do for years."

The music service's debut comes less than three months after the release of a Twitter video app called Vine that distributes six-second clips that can be played in a continuous loop.

The expansion into other forms of media besides text and photos is part of Twitter's effort to make its messaging service even more appealing to its more than 200 million monthly users. More frequent usage of the service creates more opportunities to show ads — the main way that Twitter makes money.

The foray into music could open up a new channel of revenue as well. Apple Inc.'s iTunes pays partners a few cents for every song

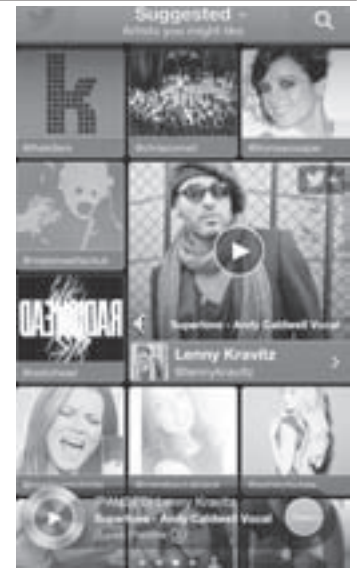
sale that is a direct result of an online referral. If Twitter's recommendations persuade enough people to buy songs after hearing excerpts, these bounties could add up.

Neither Rdio or Spotify are paying bounties to Twitter for new sign-ups, the companies confirmed.

Within a few hours of the service going live, new sign-ups and song plays on Rdio were already "spiking," said Malthe Sigurdson, Rdio's vice president of product. "This is looking really good," he said.

As with many of the other tools that it has added since its inception seven years ago, Twitter bought the technology powering its music app from a start-up. In this case, the music app is based on a concept and tools honed by We Are Hunted, which shut down its site for tracking popular music last week.

Twitter, which is based in San Francisco, is winning over advertisers, who typically must package their marketing messages in 140-character characters so that they fit seamlessly into the rest of the rapid-fire chatter flowing through users' feeds.



This image taken from an iPhone shows the new Twitter music app.

Associated Press

The company's worldwide ad revenue this year is expected to more than double to \$583 million, up from \$283 million last year. As a private company, Twitter doesn't disclose details about its financial performance.

That could change soon, though. There is mounting speculation that Twitter is expanding its services and selling ads more aggressively in preparation for an initial public offering of stock that could come late this year or early next year. If that were to happen, it would be the hottest technology IPO since Facebook went public nearly a year ago. □

# Yahoo adds 2 more applications to mobile arsenal

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**AP Technology Writer**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Yahoo is taking the next step in its effort to make some of its most popular services more appealing and accessible to the growing audience connecting to the Internet on smartphones and tablet computers.

The mobile push being orchestrated by CEO Marissa Mayer has hatched Yahoo's first email application for Apple Inc.'s iPad and other tablet computers running on Google Inc.'s Android software.

Yahoo Inc. also has created a new weather app for Apple's iPhone that will provide current temperatures and forecasts on top of slideshows featuring pictures of landmarks and

other scenery in the cities chosen by a user.

The company, which is based in Sunnyvale, California, released the apps Thursday.

Like many other Internet companies, Yahoo Inc. is pouring more engineering talent and money into developing mobile applications as people spend more time consuming content on smartphones and tablets.

Mayer has made mobile services one of her top priorities since defecting from a top job at Google to become Yahoo's CEO nine months ago. She has already overseen a redesign of Yahoo's email app for smartphones, as well as the app for its Flickr photo service on the iPhone and iPad.



This Jan. 29, 2008 file photo shows a Yahoo worker walking into Yahoo headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Associated Press

Yahoo's increased emphasis appears to be resonating. After Yahoo announced its first-quarter earnings earlier this week, Mayer told analysts that Yahoo's mobile services now attract about 300 million monthly visitors world-

wide, up from 200 million in December. Despite the increased traffic, Yahoo is still struggling to sell more of the advertising that brings in most of its money. The company's revenue from display advertising — a key marketing channel — fell

11 percent from the same time last year. Part of the problem stemmed from advertisers' reluctance to pay as much money for pitches delivered on the smaller screens of mobile devices. That factor contributed to a decline in Yahoo's average ad prices. Yahoo is also being hurt as advertisers funnel more of their online budgets toward Google and online social networking leader Facebook Inc. Yahoo's new weather app for the iPhone features photos imported from Flickr. It will operate separately from the iPhone's built-in weather app, which is already powered by Yahoo. But that built-in app doesn't display photos nor does it promote Yahoo's brand in the app panel. □





Specialist Paul Cosentino, left center, works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Disappointing earnings from a range of companies pushed the stock market lower on Thursday, giving major indexes their third loss this week.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

# Imagine A world without love



By: Roland W. Peterson

Imagine, if there was no love, how would our world be like?

It seems that many of us would not be here today

Many of us were born out of love, but it seems that some of us are born,

(not for love for a child), but for love for each other or lust for each other

Later as the child grows up, they may learn to love it

If a child is born without love and grows up without love would it thrive and prosper?

Most likely it would be like a tree in the middle of a jungle.

No one planted it, no one took care of it, no one ever gave it a drop of water,

but still the tree becomes a mighty huge tree and it would live for many years

Maybe the same is applicable in the human race?

Or maybe not, no one will ever thrive without love and no one will ever prosper

without love.

It is out of love that you get married

It is out of love that we give the hungry something to eat

It is out of love that you get children

It is out of love that you adopt a child

It is out of love that you bring home a bouquet of flowers

It is out of love that you give a homeless one a hair-cut

It is out of love that you visit your parents

And so I can go on and on

Our world today without love would not prosper and would be a jungle where the law of the strongest would prevail

## Stocks slide on earnings

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**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Disappointing earnings from a range of companies pushed the stock market lower on Thursday, giving major indexes their third loss this week.

The stock prices of Morgan Stanley, UnitedHealth Group and others sank after they turned in weaker quarterly results. Prices of commodities held steady following a wild couple of days. Government bond yields remained near their lowest point of the year as investors sought safety.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 10.40 points to close at 1,541.61, a decline of 0.7 percent.

Compared with the steep drops earlier this week, the losses on Thursday looked tame. The S&P 500 lost 2 percent on Monday, its worst day of the year, when a slowdown in China's economic growth set off a rout in prices for gold, oil and other commodities and pummeled the stocks of companies that make them. After reaching a record high a week ago, the index has now slumped 3 percent.

One reason behind the market's sudden turn might simply be that investors wanted to take some of their winnings off the table, said Joseph Tanious, global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. At the start of April, the S&P 500 was already up 10 percent for 2013, more than investors can expect to get in most years.

"For a while there, it seemed like all the headlines were 'stock market hits all-time high,'" Tanious said. "When they see things like that, investors get nervous and look for reasons to sell." Profit slipped at Morgan Stanley as the bank made less money from trading bonds and commodities, a common theme for many investment banks this earnings season. Morgan Stanley lost 5 percent to \$20.31. UnitedHealth's profit fell short of analysts' estimates, and the country's largest health insurer said it expects federal budget cuts

to pressure its earnings this year. Its stock lost 4 percent to \$59.69.

EBay fell 6 percent to \$52.82 after the online auction company cut its profit forecast for this quarter.

The market didn't get any help from economic news Thursday. Investors pointed to reports that more people applied for unemployment benefits last week and manufacturing slowed in the mid-Atlantic region. Those reports followed several recent signs of weakness in the economy, including a sharp slowdown in hiring last month and poor retail sales.

The market's drop was tempered by better profits at Verizon, Pepsi and Union Pacific. Verizon Communications' profit beat analysts' predictions as wireless revenue kept rising at a rate of 9 percent, the envy of the industry. Pepsi net income and revenue also surpassed estimates.

Verizon's stock gained 3 percent to \$50.91, while Pepsi's climbed 3 percent to \$81.25.

Higher shipping rates pushed Union Pacific's profit up 11 percent, and the railroad said it expects to ship more goods later this year. Union Pacific rose 4 percent to \$142.46.

Analysts have set a low bar for first-quarter earnings. They predict that companies in the S&P 500 will report that earnings climbed just 1.5 percent in the first quarter compared with the same period a year ago, a slowdown from the 7.7 percent growth in the fourth quarter, according to S&P Capital IQ.

So far, companies are easily topping the estimates of Wall Street analysts. Of the 61 companies that turned in results through Wednesday, 39 of them have exceeded forecasts.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 81.45 points to 14,537.14, down 0.6 percent. The Nasdaq composite lost 38.31 points to 3,166.36, down 1.2 percent. In the market for U.S. government bonds, Treasury prices rose and their yields fell as traders moved money into low-risk assets. □



# Capital One 1Q profit drops 25 pct; sales up

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Capital One Financial Corp. said Thursday that its first-quarter net income tumbled 25 percent from the same period last year, when the lender booked a hefty gain from its acquisition of online bank ING Direct.

Across its segments, Capital One posted annual increases in revenue in its domestic card, consumer banking and commercial lending businesses in the January-March period.

That offset a decline in its international card segment. All told, the company's net interest income, or money earned from loans, grew 34 percent to \$4.57 billion in the quarter. Non-interest income, which includes service charges and other customer-related fees, fell 35 percent to \$981 million. "Each of our businesses delivered solid results in the quarter and our balance sheet is strong," said Richard D. Fairbank, Capital One's chairman and CEO. Capital One, based in

McLean, Virginia, is best known for its credit card business, but it has taken steps to increase its profile as a national bank in recent years. The acquisition of ING Direct, which closed in February 2012, made Capital One the nation's sixth-biggest bank, based on deposits. Rising home prices and stock prices that have hit records are making consumers feel wealthier and spend more. When consumers spend more, that can help boost credit card

use, benefiting card issuers like Capital One. Most analysts think the economy strengthened from January through March, helped by the pick-up in hiring, a sustained housing recovery and steady consumer spending. Consumers stepped up purchases in January and February, even after Social Security payroll taxes rose this year. Even so, employers added only 88,000 jobs in March, a sharp slowdown from average gains of 220,000 in No-

vember through February. And consumers cut back on their spending at retail stores and restaurants last month. That didn't appear to hurt Capital One, however. The company's net income after paying preferred dividends fell to \$1.05 billion, or \$1.79 per share, in the first three months of this year. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of \$1.61 per share. A year ago, the company earned \$1.4 billion, or \$2.72 per share. □

# IBM 1Q net down on software, mainframe deals delay

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — IBM Corp.'s first-quarter net income fell 1 percent due to delays in closing several of the technology company's large software and mainframe computer deals. The results fell short of Wall Street's expectations, sending IBM's stock lower in after-hours trading. IBM is seen as a good gauge of technology demand because it sells to major companies and governments around the world.

That said, it's not immune from economic uncertainty and currency fluctuations, which showed in the quarter's results.

IBM said Thursday that it earned \$3.03 billion, or

\$2.70 per share, in the January-March period. That's down from \$3.07 billion, or \$2.61 per share, in the same period a year earlier. Last year's quarter had more outstanding shares, which lowers per-share results. Earnings excluding one-time items were \$3 per share in the latest quarter, below Wall Street's expectations of \$3.05 per share. Revenue fell 5 percent, to \$23.41 billion from \$24.67 billion. Analysts polled by FactSet had expected revenue of \$24.7 billion. "Despite a solid start and good client demand we did not close a number of software and mainframe transactions that have moved into the second quarter," said IBM CEO Ginni Rometty in a statement.



Visitors walk through the booths of IBM at the world's largest computer expo CeBIT in Hanover, Germany. IBM Corp.'s first-quarter net income fell 1 percent due to delays in closing several of the technology company's large software and mainframe computer deals.

(AP Photo/Julian Stratenschulte)

"The services business performed as expected with strong profit growth and significant new business in the quarter." Chief Financial Officer

Mark Loughridge said on a conference call that weakness in the Japanese yen hurt the quarter's results. A weak yen translates to fewer dollars for IBM on sales in

Japan. Adjusted for currency fluctuations, IBM said its revenue would have only declined by 3 percent for the quarter, rather than 5 percent. □

# Google 1Q earnings rise 16 pct to top Street views

**MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Google's latest quarterly results provided further proof that the Internet search leader is figuring out how to make more money as Web surfers migrate from personal computers to mobile devices.

The first-quarter numbers released Thursday show that a recent decline in Google's average ad prices is easing. That's an indication that marketers are starting to pay more for the ads that Google distributes to smartphones and tablet

computers. Mobile ads so far have fetched less money than those viewed on the larger screens of laptop and desktop computers. Google's average price, or the "cost per click" to advertisers, has fallen from the previous year in six consecutive quarters, including the opening three months of the year. But the latest decrease in average ad prices was just 4 percent. By comparison, Google's average ad price fell by 6 percent during the final three months of last year and by 12 percent

during last year's first quarter. Google's stock increased \$4.09, or 0.5 percent, to \$770 in extended trading after the numbers came out. Google is a good way to monitor the health of digital commerce because it runs the Internet's largest advertising network and is now a major player in the mobile computing market. It's also one of the world's most powerful companies, so what happens to it can affect millions of people and businesses. Google Inc. earned \$3.3

billion, or \$9.94 per share, during the opening three months of the year. That was a 16 percent increase from \$2.9 billion, or \$8.75 per share, last year. If not for certain expenses, Google said it would have earned \$11.58 per share. That figure exceeded the average earnings estimate of \$10.65 per share among analysts surveyed by FactSet. Revenue climbed 31 percent from last year to \$14 billion. After subtracting advertising commissions, Google's revenue totaled \$11 billion

— about \$335 million below analyst estimates. Google has been growing at an impressive clip for a company of its size. Its ability to keep growing has given the company a market value of more than \$250 billion, second only to Apple Inc. among technology companies. Yet it faces competition with Facebook Inc. for ad dollars and attention. For a time, Facebook's popularity had people worried that it would eventually become a more important advertising vehicle than Google's search engine. □



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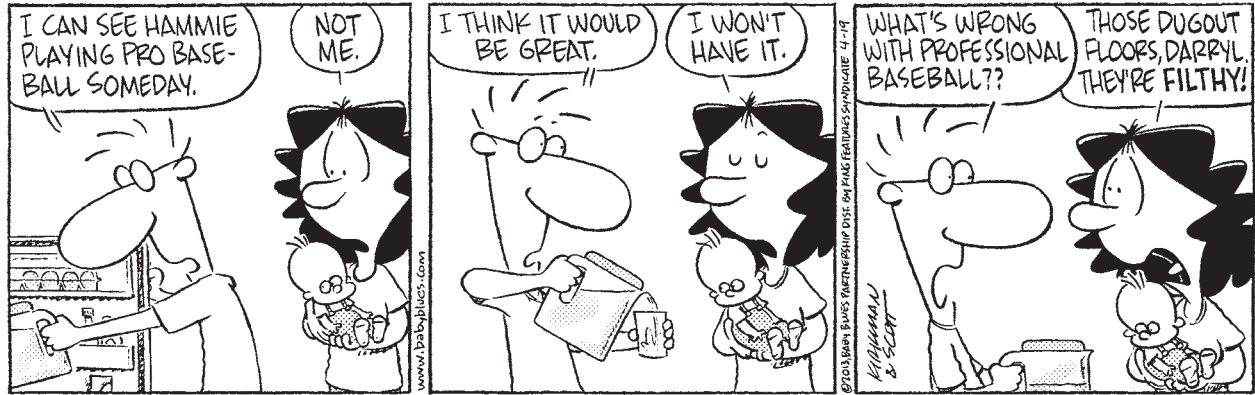
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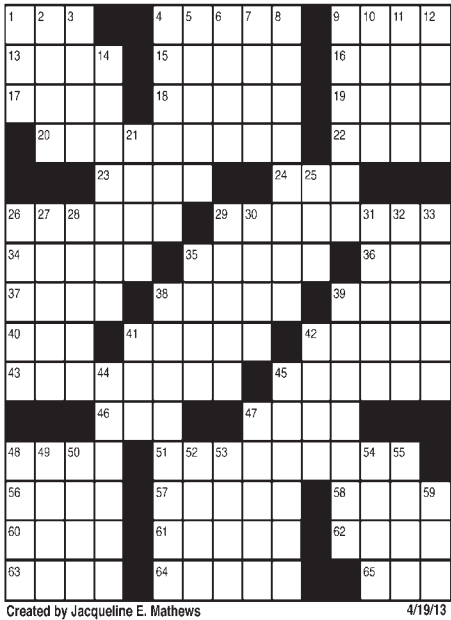
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 1 Charge
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  - 9 Skateboarder's incline
  - 13 Actress Cheryl
  - 15 Piece of garlic
  - 16 Corrupt
  - 17 Encourage
  - 18 \_\_\_ up; forms a row
  - 19 Grain storage tower
  - 20 Last night's dinner tonight
  - 22 In a lazy way
  - 23 Running competition
  - 24 Oval edible
  - 26 Open with a key
  - 29 Dangerous fishes
  - 34 Minimum
  - 35 Tirades
  - 36 Twenty-\_\_\_; blackjack
  - 37 Bar tab
  - 38 Parts of speech
  - 39 Omen
  - 40 Goof
  - 41 Rings out
  - 42 First, second, third and home
  - 43 People of the largest nation
  - 45 Wine container
  - 46 That woman
  - 47 Indian garb
  - 48 Ice cream treat
  - 51 Abuses
  - 56 Fashionable
  - 57 Bay
  - 58 Pliers or chisel
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  - 54 Frog's cousin
  - 55 Mediocre
  - 59 Caustic soap ingredient



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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# On MSNBC, a gun debate Fox doesn't seem to see

**BRIAN STELTER**  
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President Barack Obama hadn't finished his first sentence on Wednesday when the Fox News Channel cut away from his Rose Garden remarks about the Senate's defeat of a measure that would have expanded background checks for gun buyers. Viewers were told they could watch the rest online if they wanted to. Then the hosts of "The Five," the channel's 5 p.m. talk show, resumed their conversation about liberal media bias. The decision not to show the president's angry rejoinder to the Senate vote – or to cover the vote in any real detail an hour earlier – was the latest example of Fox's evident lack of interest in the gun violence debate that has captivated so many other media outlets. The channel, a favorite of conservatives, has refrained from extensive coverage while MSNBC, a favorite of progressives, has taken every conceivable opportunity to talk about it. Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, the co-hosts of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," have openly campaigned for legislative reforms in the wake of the mass shooting at in Newtown, Conn.,

in December, which left 20 children dead. On "Joe" last week, Vice President Joe Biden complimented Scarborough for affecting the gun debate, adding, "The two guys that deserve, if anything gets done, an award here are you and Michael Bloomberg," referring to the New York mayor's campaign for gun legislation. On Thursday, Scarborough, a registered Republican who promotes his conservative credentials as well as his independent streak, was stone-faced as he assailed the lawmakers who voted against the background check legislation. Citing the failed Senate vote as evidence, Scarborough said, "This party is moving toward extinction." That would come as news to Fox fans, who have heard comparatively little about the subject. While most of "Joe" was dedicated to guns on Thursday, Fox's morning show, "Fox & Friends," didn't mention the word once; it focused instead on news about a Texas fertilizer plant explosion. Competitors were quick to pounce. Phil Griffin, the president of MSNBC, noted that the networks ABC, CBS and NBC broadcast special reports because they

deemed the president's remarks that important. He called Fox's decision to skip it "a disgrace." Michael Clemente, Fox's executive vice president of news, said in a statement: "Fox News has reported all sides of the gun debate – at length since well before the tragedy in Newtown, and we will continue to do so. Yesterday's decision not carry the president's statement live, was made when we received the following from the White House press office 'THE PRESIDENT delivers a statement on common sense measures to reduce gun violence.' We've carried and reported on numerous presidential speeches and ideas for reducing gun violence, as well as those from influentials on the other side of the issue." Fox's apparent restraint dates back at least to December, in the immediate wake of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Media observers noticed that the channel was the last to start covering the Dec. 21 media event by the National Rifle Association's chief executive, Wayne LaPierre, and the first to move on to another story. □

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# NASA sees distant planets that seem ideal for life

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

NASA's planet-hunting telescope has discovered two planets that seem like ideal places for some sort of life to flourish. And they are just the right size and in just the right place.

One is warm, the other chilly.

The distant duo are the best candidates for habitable planets that astronomers have found so far, said William Borucki, the chief scientist for NASA's Kepler telescope. And it has got astronomers thinking that similar planets that are just about right for life — "Goldilocks planets" — might be common in the universe.

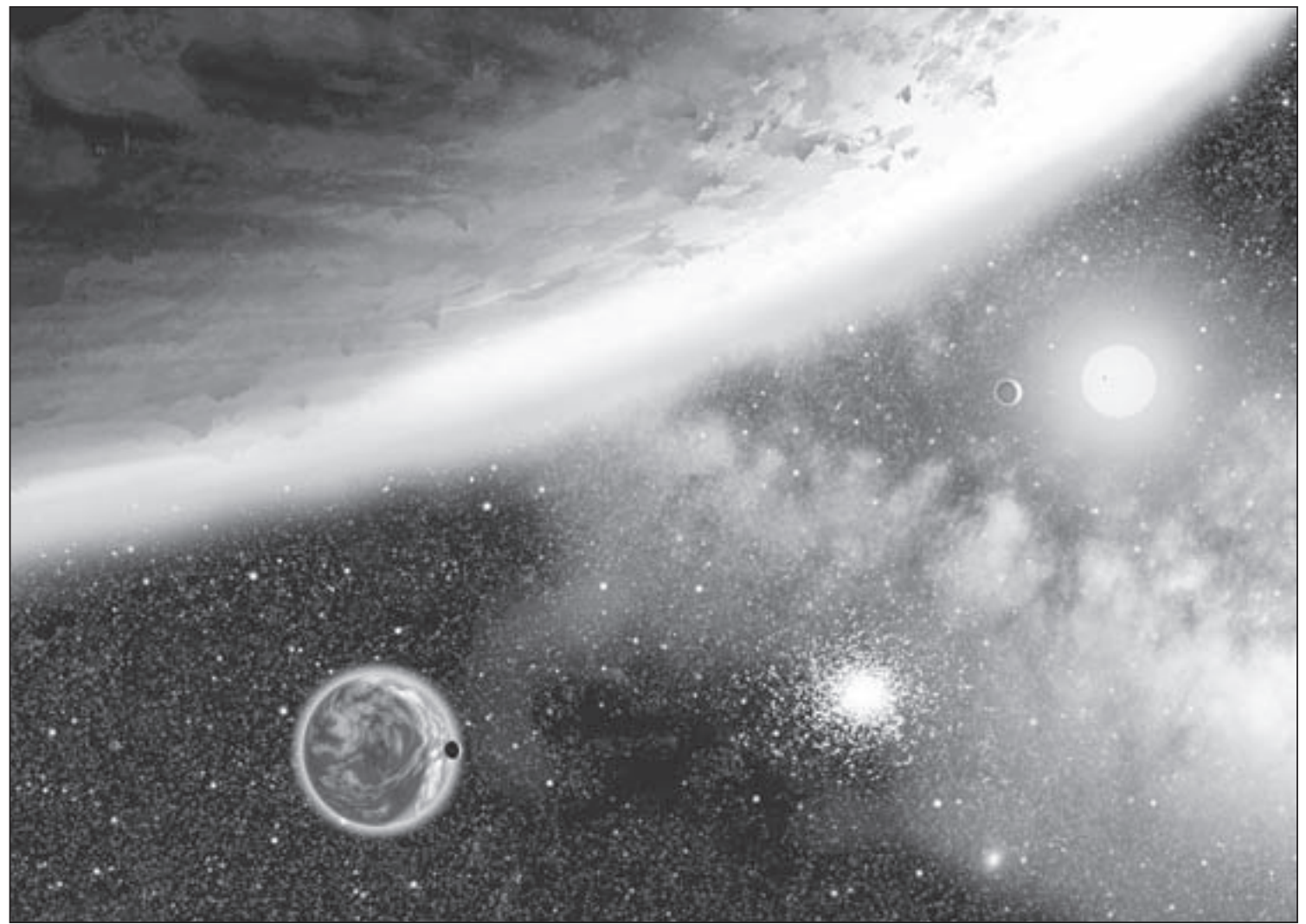
The discoveries, published online Thursday in the journal *Science*, mark a milestone in the search for planets where life could exist. In the four years that Kepler has been trailing Earth's orbit, the telescope has found 122 exoplanets — planets outside our solar system.

In the past, those planets haven't fit all the criteria that would make them right for life of any kind from microbes to man.

Many planets aren't in the habitable zone — where it's not too hot and not too cold for liquid water. And until now, the few found in that ideal zone, were just too big. Those are likely to be gas balls like Neptune and that's not suitable for life.

Similarly, any Earth-size planets weren't in the right place near their stars, Borucki said.

In the Goldilocks game of looking for other planets like ours, the new discoveries,



This undated handout artist concept provided by Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics shows the newly discovered planets named Kepler-62e and -f.

called Kepler-62-e and Kepler-62-f are just right. And they are fraternal twins. They circle the same star, an orange dwarf, and are next to each other — closer together than Earth and its neighbor Mars.

The planets are slightly wider than Earth, but not too big. Kepler-62-e is a bit balmy, like a Hawaiian world and Kepler-62-f is a bit frosty, more Alaskan, Borucki said.

The pair is 1,200 light-years away; a light-year is almost 6 trillion miles (nearly 10 trillion kilometers).

"This is the first one where I'm thinking 'Huh, Kepler-62-f really might have life on it'," said study co-author David Charbonneau of Harvard.

"This is a very important barrier that's been crossed. Why wouldn't it have life?" To make it warm enough for life the planet would need greenhouse gas trapping its star's heat because the star only gives off one-fifth the energy of our sun, but that's something that is likely to happen, Borucki said.

Both planets are tantalizing. The dozens of researchers who co-authored the study disagree on which one is better suited to life. Lisa Kaltenegger of the Max Planck Institute of Astronomy in Germany likes Kepler-62-e more because it's closer to the star and is warmer. She said it is probably "like Washington in May."

That planet is so close it may need clouds to cool off and it's more likely to be an all-water world, unlike any other in our solar system, Kaltenegger said. Astronomers cannot confirm that either planet has water, but based on other research, it's a good assumption, she said.

The planets circle a star that is 7 billion years old — about 2.5 billion years older than our sun. Kepler spots the planets as they go between Earth and their star ever so slightly, reducing the light from the star.

"If there's life at all on those planets, it must be very advanced" evolutionarily because the planets are so old, said Borucki.

On a watery planet, oceans are prime spots for life, including flying fish that could evolve into birds, Borucki said. And on the rocky planet, with a heavier gravity than Earth, life might look a tad different, he said.

In another study also published by some of the same authors in *Astrophysical Journal*, the astronomers found a different set of planets that are slightly bigger, but probably not gas giants, and circle a star that more resembles our sun. One of those planets is on edge of the habitable zone — maybe in, maybe out —

and could be considered a potential third good place for a habitable zone, said Thomas Barclay of NASA's Ames Research Center, which runs the Kepler telescope.

All told, researchers announced seven new exoplanets on Thursday, upping the grand total found so far by Kepler and Earth-bound telescopes to about 850, according to NASA.

Pennsylvania State University professor James Kasting called the findings "a big discovery." Kasting and Sara Seager of MIT, who weren't part of the research, pointed out that Kepler's job is to look at one distant corner of the sky and to find what fraction of stars seemed to have the right sized planets in the habitable zone.

"This is HUGE," Seager wrote in an email. "Do you realize that as soon as Kepler could find close-to-Earth-size planets in the habitable zone of sun-like stars, Kepler found it. Goldilocks planets must be everywhere." □

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This Jan. 27, 2013 file photo shows actor Dick Van Dyke at the 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

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## Dick Van Dyke has tests for 'cranial throbbing'

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A spokesman for Dick Van Dyke says the actor is undergoing tests for "cranial throbbing" that's causing him to lose sleep. Spokesman Bob Palmer said Thursday the 87-year-old Van Dyke has been experiencing a throbbing sensation in his head when lying down. Palmer said scans and other tests have

yet to yield a diagnosis.

He said Van Dyke has a strong constitution and is otherwise OK, but the "fatigue factor has become acute."

Palmer said that until Van Dyke receives a diagnosis and treatment plan, he's been advised not to fly and is resting at his California home.

Van Dyke's credits include "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and "Diagnosis Murder." □

## 'Transformers' plans casting call on Chinese TV



In this publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Optimus Prime is shown in a scene from "Transformers: Dark of the Moon."

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Reality television in China will help cast the next "Transformers" flick.

Backers of the fourth installment in the blockbuster franchise say four people will win roles through the "'Transformers 4' Chinese Actors Talent Search Reality Show."

The televised series will begin airing in June and will be open to professionals and amateurs. Two of the "Transformers" roles will go

to professional Chinese actors and two will go to people with no acting experience.

The judges include "Transformers" producer Lorenzo DiBonaventura and Sid Ganis, former Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences president. He now heads Jiaflix Enterprises, which helped broker a production-assistance deal for the film between Paramount Pictures and China Movie Channel. □

# Rock Hall set to induct 2013 class at L.A. ceremony



In this April 16, 2013 file photo, Jennifer Hudson arrives at the world premiere of "Call Me Crazy: A Five Film" at the Pacific Design Center, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Christina Aguilera and Jennifer Hudson are among the singers set to pay tribute to this year's eclectic group of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees.

Aguilera and Hudson are scheduled to perform in honor of late disco queen

Donna Summer at Thursday night's 28th annual induction ceremony at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

Summer is among this year's eight inductees, which also include rockers Heart and Rush, singer-songwriter Randy Newman, rap group Public Enemy and bluesman Albert King, as well as Lou Adler

and Quincy Jones, this year's Ahmet Ertegun lifetime achievement honorees.

Heart, Randy Newman, Public Enemy and Rush are expected to perform at Thursday's star-studded event, while Usher will sing for Jones, Carole King will perform for Adler and John Mayer and Gary Clark Jr. will pay tribute to the late King.

Other artists scheduled to attend include the Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl and Taylor Hawkins, who will present Rush; Jackson Browne and John Fogerty, who will perform with Randy Newman; Pearl Jam's Mike McCready and Alice In Chains' Jerry Cantrell, who will join Heart; Spike Lee and Harry Belafonte, who will present Public Enemy; and Don Henley, who will induct Newman.

The event marks the first time since 1993 that the Cleveland, Ohio, institution has held its induction ceremony on the West Coast. It will be broadcast May 18 on HBO. □

## S.Korean broadcaster bans PSY's 'Gentleman' video



South Korean rapper PSY poses for photographers during a news conference for his concert "Happening" in Seoul, South Korea Saturday, April 13, 2013.

Associated Press

SAM KIM

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**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**

— A major South Korean broadcaster says it has banned PSY's new music

video because the rapper is shown abusing public property.

The "Gentleman" video opens with PSY kicking a cone that says "no park-

ing."

State-funded KBS said Thursday the scene doesn't meet its standards as a public broadcaster. Two spokesmen say KBS has banned other videos for similar reasons in the past. They spoke anonymously because they say it is the broadcaster's company policy.

"Gentleman" was released last week on YouTube as a follow-up to PSY's viral "Gangnam Style." It features a fast-paced electro pop song and has surpassed 139 million views.

"Gangnam Style" brought the 35-year-old singer global fame. It is YouTube's most watched video with 1.5 billion views since its release last summer. □



# Molly Ringwald rediscovers her jazz roots

**CHARLES J. GANS**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Molly Ringwald has moved from "The Breakfast Club" to the jazz club.

The redheaded actress who describes herself as "your former teen-age crush" in her Twitter bio will always live in her generation's memories for portraying the angst of high school life as an everyday girl, teen princess and outsider in her iconic 1980s films "Sixteen Candles," "The Breakfast Club," and "Pretty In Pink" with writer-director John Hughes.

Now the 45-year-old has taken on a new role as a jazz singer with the release last week of her album "Except Sometimes," a collection of Great American Songbook and Broadway tunes. She sings about romance from a mature, adult perspective, interpreting such tunes as "I Get Along Without You Very Well" and "The Very Thought of You." She also pays tribute to the late Hughes by reclaiming "Don't You (Forget About Me)," the Simple Minds' theme to "The Breakfast Club," turning it into a jazz



This April 9, 2013 photo shows actress-singer Molly Ringwald posing in Los Angeles. Ringwald's latest CD "Except Sometimes," was released earlier this month.

**Associated Press**

ballad.

She believes her acting experience has helped enhance her jazz singing.

"As an actor you pay attention to the words and you get into character," she said. "I tend to do this with music as well. I really get into the lyric."

She will be performing limited engagements at jazz clubs across the country,

allowing enough breaks to spend time at home with her three children and husband, writer-editor Panio Gianopoulos.

Her jazz roots run deep. Her father, blind pianist Bob Ringwald, plays traditional Dixieland jazz. She has an encyclopedic knowledge of female jazz singers — reeling off the names of those who most influenced

her: Bessie Smith, Ella Fitzgerald, Anita O'Day, Blossom Dearie and Susanah McCorkle.

Ringwald considers jazz her "musical equivalent of comfort food." Her parents encouraged her to pursue interests other than acting — singing, writing, reading and traveling — which kept her engaged in a world outside Hollywood and its club scene, avoiding the pitfalls that ensnared some of her teen co-stars.

"I hear jazz and it just feels good because it reminds me of my childhood," said Ringwald, speaking by telephone from her home in the Los Angeles area. "I started singing with my dad when I was 3 years old and really developed a close relationship with him through music that endures to this day."

Ringwald would sit in with her father's Sacramento-based Fulton Street Jazz Band singing Fats Waller and Bessie Smith songs. She recorded her first jazz album, "I Wanna Be Loved By You, Molly Sings" with her father's band at age 6. Ringwald originally wanted to be a singer, making her professional debut at age 10 in a West Coast production of "Annie." But after landing her first TV and film roles, she decided to focus

on acting — a choice she says she wouldn't have to make as a teen actor today given the popularity of "Glee" and "High School Musical."

"When I started acting, it didn't seem that there were any actors that were also singing," Ringwald said. "I really felt to be taken seriously as an actress, I would have to just give up the idea of having a musical career."

But she never stopped singing, mostly performing with her father's band. She briefly sang the standard "Embraceable You" in the teen pregnancy film "For Keeps."

After spending much of the 1990s in Paris, Ringwald relocated to New York to do theater, including the lead roles in revivals of the musicals "Cabaret" and "Sweet Charity."

In 2005, while starring in the off-Broadway comedy "Modern Orthodox," she got inspired to sing jazz when she met her "perfect collaborator" at a cast party.

Peter Smith, an understudy, had just begun playing jazz tunes on the piano when Ringwald suddenly started singing along with him.

"I grew up like everyone else watching her in movies and just thought that the only kind of music she's going to know is like The Smiths and The Cure, all that '80s music," Smith said. "But she really knew how to sing jazz."

Smith was impressed by the quality and tone of her voice, and most of all by her "tasteful artistic choices as a singer." He invited her to sit in at his jazz club gigs before he left for Los Angeles.

Ringwald reunited with Smith when she moved to Los Angeles in 2008 to join the cast of the TV show "The Secret Life of the American Teenager," playing the mother of a pregnant teenager.

Ringwald eventually felt confident enough to record an album in 2010 with Smith writing the arrangements. □

## Actor Wes Studi to be in Western 'Hall of Greats'

**SANTA FE, New Mexico (AP)** — Actor Wes Studi is set to become the second Native American inducted into the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's Hall of Great Western Performers in Oklahoma City.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports that the Dances with Wolves and The Last of the Mohicans star will be inducted Saturday with the late-film noir actor, Robert Mitchum.

The Arroyo Hondo resident is also known for his roles as the Apache leader in "Geronimo: An American Legend" and Navajo detective Joe Leaphorn in the made-for-TV movies based on mysteries by the late New Mexican writer



This Dec. 16, 2009 file photo of Wes Studi arrives at the premiere of "Avatar" in Los Angeles.

**Associated Press**

Tony Hillerman.

The only other American Indian in the Hall of Great Western Performers is Jay Silverheels, a Canadian Mohawk First Nations actor known for playing Tonto in the 1950s television series The Lone Ranger. □

## Works by artist Basquiat to appear at NYC exhibit

**NEW YORK (AP)** — More than 30 works by artist Jean-Michel Basquiat will appear at a New York City exhibit before a private sale.

The exhibit at Sotheby's galleries runs May 2 through June 9. Most will be available for sale.

They include works on paper in marker and crayon from 1979 and monumental canvases from 1987. The Brooklyn-born Basquiat was 27 when he died of a drug overdose in 1988.

Among the highlights is "Punch Bag" from 1983 depicting a black boxer. It's been owned by a European collector since the late 1990s. Colorful canvas "Love Dub for A" from 1987 has been offered for sale only once before. □



# What You'll Do Next



DAVID BROOKS  
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Over the past few centuries, there have been many efforts to come up with methods to help predict human behavior – what Leon Wieseltier of The New Republic calls mathematizing the subjective. The current one is the effort to understand the world by using big data.

Other efforts to predict behavior were based on models of human nature. The people using big data don't presume to peer deeply into people's souls. They don't try to explain why people are doing things. They just want to observe what they are doing. The theory of big data is to have no theory, at least about human nature. You just gather huge amounts of information, observe the patterns and estimate probabilities about how people will act in the future.

As Viktor Mayer-Schönberger and Kenneth Cukier write in their book, "Big Data," this movement asks us to move from causation to correlation. People using big data are not like novelists, ministers, psychologists, memoirists or gossips, coming up with intuitive narratives to explain the causal chains of why things are happening. "Contrary to conventional wisdom, such human intuiting of causality does not deepen our understanding of the world," they write.

Instead, they aim to stand back nonjudgmentally and observe linkages: "Correlations are powerful not only because they offer insights, but also because the insights they offer are relatively clear. These insights often get obscured when we bring causality back into the picture."

This method has yielded some impressive observations. Analysts can look at Google search terms and pick up where flu outbreaks are occurring. In doctor's offices, statistical predictions often make better diagnoses than clinical predictions. Wal-Mart executives looked at the data and noticed that, as hurricanes approach, people buy large quantities of Strawberry Pop-Tarts. They began to put Pop-Tarts at the front of the stores with storm supplies. In my columns, I'm trying to appreciate the big data revolution, but also probe its limits. One limit is that correlations are actually not all that clear. A zillion things can correlate with each other, depending on how you structure the data and what you compare. To discern meaningful correlations from meaningless ones, you often have to rely on some

causal hypothesis about what is leading to what. You wind up back in the land of human theorizing.

Another obvious problem is that unlike physical objects and even animals, people are discontinuous. We have multiple selves. We are ambiguous and ambivalent. We get bored, and we self-deceive. We learn and mislearn from experience. Thus, the passing of time can produce gigantic and unpredictable changes in taste and behavior, changes that are poorly anticipated by looking at patterns of data on what just happened.

Another limit is that the world is error-prone and dynamic. I recently interviewed George Soros about his financial decision-making. While big data looks for patterns of preferences, Soros often looks for patterns of error. People will misinterpret reality, and those misinterpretations will sometimes create a self-reinforcing feedback loop. Housing prices skyrocket to unsustainable levels. If you are relying just on data, you will have a tendency to trust preferences and anticipate a continuation of what is happening right now. Soros makes money by exploiting other people's misinterpretations and anticipating when they will become unsustainable.

Then there is the distinction between commodity decisions and flourishing decisions. Some decisions are straightforward commodities: what route to work is likely to be fastest. Big data can help. Flourishing decisions are things like who to marry, who to befriend, what career calling to pursue and what college to choose. These decisions involve trying to find people, places and things that harmonize with your subjective self. It's a mistake to take subjective intuition out of this decision because subjectivity is the whole point.

One of my take-aways is that big data is really good at telling you what to pay attention to. It can tell you what sort of student is likely to fall behind. But then to actually intervene to help that student, you have to get back in the world of causality, back into the world of responsibility, back in the world of advising someone to do x because it will cause y.

Big data is like the offensive coordinator up in the booth at a football game who, with altitude, can see patterns others miss. But the head coach and players still need to be on the field of subjectivity.

Most of the advocates understand data are a tool, not a worldview. My worries mostly concentrate on the cultural impact of the big data vogue. If you adopt a mindset that replaces the narrative with the empirical, you have problems thinking about personal responsibility and morality, which are based on causation. You wind up with a demoralized society. But that's a subject for another day. □



# The CIA's Angry Birds



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**WASHINGTON** – Over the winter, I heard military commanders and White House officials murmur in hushed tones about how they would have to figure out a legal and moral framework for the flying killer robots executing targets around the globe.

They were starting to realize that, while the American public approves of remotely killing terrorists, it is a drain on the democratic soul to zap people with no due process and little regard for the loss of innocents. But they never got around to it, leaving Rand Paul to take the moral high ground.

After two bloody, money-sucking, never-ending wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the idea of a weapon for war that precluded having anyone actually go to war was too captivating. Our sophisticated, sleek, smart, detached president was ensorcelled by our sophisticated, sleek, smart, detached war machine.

In an interview with Jon Stewart last year, President Barack Obama allowed that he was in the grip of a powerful infatuation.

"One of the things that we've got to do is put a legal architecture in place," he said, "and we need congressional help to do that to make sure that not only am I reined in, but any president is reined in."

America's secret drone program, continually lowering the bar for lethal action, turns the president, the CIA director and

counterterrorism advisers into a star chamber running a war beyond war zones that employs a scalpel rather than a hammer, as the new Langley chief, John Brennan, puts it.

But as The Times' Mark Mazzetti notes in his new book, "The Way of the Knife," "the analogy suggests that this new kind of war is without costs or blunders – a surgery without complications. This isn't the case."

Mazzetti raises the issue of whether the CIA – which once sold golf shirts with Predator logos in its gift shop – became "so enamored of its killer drones that it wasn't pushing its analysts to ask a basic question: To what extent might the drone strikes be creating more terrorists than they are actually killing?"

Mazzetti writes that Sir Richard Dearlove, the head of M16, the British Secret Intelligence Service, watched one of the first drone strikes via satellite at Langley a few weeks after 9/11. As he saw a Mitsubishi truck in Afghanistan being blown up, Dearlove smiled wryly.

"It almost isn't sporting, is it?" the Brit asked.

In the run-up to the Iraq war, Donald Rumsfeld and his hawkish inner circle were disgusted that the CIA dismissed their spurious claims of a connection between Saddam and al-Qaida, so they set up their own CIA at the Pentagon. Soldiers became spies. Meanwhile, the CIA was setting up its own Pentagon at Langley, running the ever-expanding paramilitary drone operation. Spies became soldiers.

Mazzetti writes that after 9/11, the CIA director morphed into "a military commander running a clandestine, global war with a skeleton staff and very little oversight."

Why did the CIA, as Gen. James Cartwright asked when he was the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, need to build "a second Air Force?"

Leon Panetta made the CIA far more militarized and then went to the Pentagon. When an ac-

tual military commander, David Petraeus, became head spook in 2011, he embraced the drone program, pushed to expand the fleet and conducted the first robo-targeted killing of an American citizen.

"A spy agency that on September 11, 2001, had been decried as bumbling and risk-averse had, under the watchful eye of four successive CIA directors, gone on a killing spree," Mazzetti writes.

The CIA now has a drone base in Saudi Arabia, and both the Pentagon and the spy agency are running parallel drone wars in Yemen, each fighting for resources. And the Pentagon continues its foray into human spying. As W. George Jameson, a lawyer who spent 33 years at the CIA, lamented: "Everything is backwards. You've got an intelligence agency fighting a war and a military organization trying to gather on-the-ground intelligence."

Mazzetti observes that the CIA, playing catch-up through so much of the Arab Spring, has turned a perilous corner, where a new generation at Langley much prefers "the adrenaline rush of being at the front lines" hunting and killing to the more patient, tedious, "gentle" work of intelligence gathering and espionage. Relying on foreign spies for counterterrorism information can blind you to what is really happening on the ground.

Ross Newland, a career clandestine officer, told Mazzetti that the allure of killing people by remote control is "catnip" and that the agency should have given up Predators and Reapers long ago. The death robots have turned the CIA into the villain in places like Pakistan, Newland said, where the agency's mission is supposed to be nurturing relationships to gather intelligence.

Obama, who continued nearly every covert program handed down by W., clearly feels tough when he talks about targeted killings and considers drones an attractive option. □



# A rich nod to old elegance

**DAVID TANIS**

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Few of the old-school Italian restaurants remain in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood – the kind of places where the waiters wear red jackets, the wine list is bound in leather and the menu's size makes it hard to see one's tablemates.

As if to accentuate their difference from the down-market chianti-bottle-and-checkered-tablecloth trattorias, this tier of restaurant is dolled up and serious. The decor ranges from dark and clubby with starched white napery to softly lighted pale pink with giant

maso's pizzeria still stands, as well as the dark and dim Tosca Cafe, which has a jukebox that plays opera and serves boozy coffee drinks from an ornate antique espresso machine.

Traditional veal dishes cooked a la minute were a specialty, like scaloppine with lemon and capers or the signature saltimbocca, with sage, prosciutto and fontina. Both were good, but the saltimbocca (its name means to “jump in the mouth” with flavor) was more satisfying. Each bite was herby, hammy and cheesy, and the pan sauce made with veal stock was sticky and rich.

less chicken breast cut into 4-ounce pieces

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon chopped sage, plus 24 large sage leaves

2 garlic cloves smashed to a paste

Pinch of red pepper flakes, optional

Olive oil

6 thin slices prosciutto

6 slices fontina cheese (about 4 ounces)

1. Using a meat mallet, pound the chicken to flatten a bit. Salt and pepper each piece on both sides and place on a platter. Sprinkle with chopped sage, garlic, red pepper flakes if using and olive oil.



**A dish of saltimbocca chicken, in New York, April 18, 2013. At home on a weeknight, a chicken breast version of saltimbocca, which means to “jump in the mouth,” makes a very tasty facsimile of a specialty restaurant dish with veal.**

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floral accents and Roman blinds. The host, in a snazzy suit, works the room, getting especially chatty with some patrons while others get only the “polite” treatment. A certain kind of faded elegance prevails.

All the old standbys are on the menu: the generous antipasto platters, a list of at least two dozen pastas and a passable osso buco. For dessert, there's spumoni or tiramisu or creamy made-to-order Marsala-spiked zabaglione.

Vanessi's was one of those restaurants, prominently situated on the flashing neon Broadway strip with burlesque joints as neighbors. A block over was Enrico's, a lively sidewalk cafe good for people watching. Around the corner, Tom-

That sort of saltimbocca is a restaurant dish, but at home on a weeknight, a chicken breast version makes a very tasty facsimile. Pound the chicken and marinate it in a mixture of chopped sage, garlic and olive oil, then brown it quickly before it goes under the broiler with cheese and a slice of prosciutto. Fried sage leaves make a savory garnish. There's no sauce. Wilted spinach is the best accompaniment by far. Actually, it fits right in with the current nostalgic trend toward retro Italian-American cooking.

## **SALTIMBOCCA CHICKEN**

Time: 30 minutes, plus 1 hour for marinating

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

1 1/2 pounds boneless skin-

Massage in the seasoning to distribute, cover and marinate for at least an hour at room temperature (or refrigerate overnight).

2. Heat a wide skillet over medium heat and add 3 tablespoons olive oil.

When the oil looks wavy, add the sage leaves and let them crisp for about 30 seconds. Remove and drain.

3. Brown the chicken breasts in the oil for about 2 minutes per side, then transfer to a baking dish large enough to fit them in one layer.

4. Top each piece with 2 sage leaves, a slice of prosciutto and a slice of fontina. Broil for 2 to 3 minutes, until the cheese is bubbling. Garnish with remaining sage leaves. □

# A look at “Cooked”

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Michael Pollan's seventh book will not substantially surprise readers of the first six. Pollan has often said that we lose touch with the basic facts of food production at our own peril, and that shared meals hold families and communities together. He has advocated fresh ingredients and sounded warning bells about why processed foods are barely worth digesting. And he is a major ingredient in his books' blend of gastronomy, science and investigation, linking his own experiences to the lessons he imparts.

But Pollan winds up broadly playing celebrity chef in “Cooked,” his four-quadrant book about fire (barbecue), water (stewing and braising), air (baking bread) and earth (fermentation). He was prompted to do this, he says, partly by what he calls the Cooking Paradox. There we sit on our sofas, watching cooking shows on television rather than preparing meals of our own. “I don't need to point out that the food you watch being cooked on television is not food you get to eat,” Pollan says.

“Cooked” underscores that it has become too easy to unwrap, microwave, order in or otherwise dodge cooking chores – to the point where at-home food preparation skills are simply being lost. It is not encouraging to hear Harry Balzer, a food industry market researcher, tell Pollan that much of what people now call “cooking” would have grandmothers spinning in their graves.

Balzer has a cynical suggestion for losing weight, based on his perception of consumer laziness: Eat whatever you want, as long as you've cooked it yourself. In that spirit, Pollan goes into cook-it-yourself mode.

But he has chosen modes of cooking so demanding that he needs help. So each section has Pollan learning at the feet (or dough-kneading hands)

of a famous practitioner. Then again, no matter how renowned the teachers he chooses, Pollan is the star of this four-stage cooking show.

It's unfortunate to begin “Cooked” with a section about fire, since the world of barbecue is such a world of showboating. In this realm, “OK, but that's not barbecue,” is a serious insult, and Ed Mitchell, who “just might be the first pit master to have handlers,” refers to his own biography as “the Ed Mitchell story.” Mitchell drops the word “authentic” so often that Pollan begins to fear “that I'd opened the spigot on a hydrant of barbecue blarney.” Nevertheless, he ventures to Wilson, N.C., to learn how to cook a whole hog over a fire.

Not all the blarney is Mitchell's. The normally commonsensical Pollan has too much to say about the priestly overtones of this cooking ritual; about the role of meat in mythology and ancient literature (“Achilles served the meat,” Homer apparently wrote); about “the whole vexed issue of sauce”; and the apparently indescribable wonders of the end result. “So this was barbecue” and “there was so much going on in this sandwich” are among his weaker comments.

“Cooked” moves on to a seemingly more commonplace subject: cooking in pots. It's a nuanced topic, and it's also the part of the book most apt to teach the reader anything useful. Though Pollan does not intend “Cooked” as a how-to, he parses the ways diced onions can become a French mirepoix (in butter, with carrots and celery); an Italian soffritto (in olive oil, perhaps with garlic or parsley); or a Spanish sofrito (with tomatoes instead of celery).

Pollan also addresses larger topics, like the essence of the specific savory taste known as “umami,” the chemistry of why salt makes food absorb other flavors, and the joy of uni-tasking. □